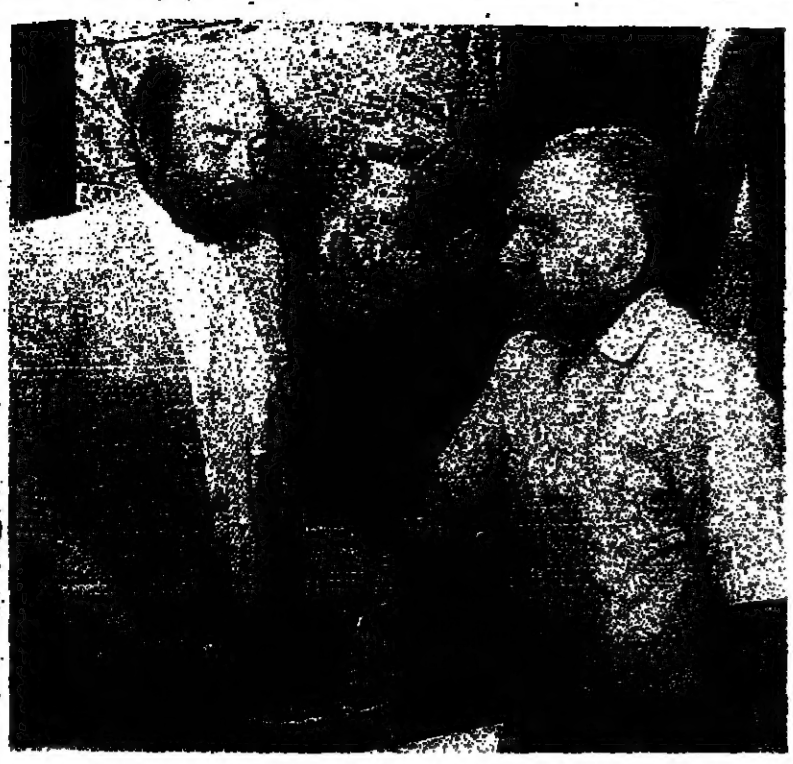


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Ruairi Quinn, the Irish Republic's minister for labour, chats with Prime Minister Shamir in Jerusalem yesterday. (Scoop 80)

Irish minister's visit signals improved ties

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Ireland's Minister for Labour Ruairi Quinn wrapped up a week-long visit to Israel yesterday with an unexpectedly long meeting with Prime Minister Shamir.
Quinn's visit, the first official protocol visit by an Irish minister to Israel, has led to an apparent commitment from both sides to strengthen ties between the two states. Next year's planned state visit by Belfast-born President Chaim Herzog to Ireland may eventually lead to the establishment of embassies in Dublin and Tel Aviv.
Israel and Ireland now conduct their contacts through non-resident ambassadors in London and Athens respectively, although Israel has recently posted to London diplomat Bruce Kasdan specifically to oversee contacts with Dublin.

"The Israeli government is very anxious to establish a residential presence in Dublin," Quinn said last night, noting that Israel is interested in consolidating ties in trade, technology and training, and recognizes that Ireland has been successful with exports and in attracting technology.
"There is no objection in principle to establishing an Irish embassy in Israel. It is only a question of time and resources. Since Israel is an associate member of the EEC it is only proper that there should be embassies in both countries."
Quinn said that he introduced the Israeli officials he met to the "international aspect of Ireland - something I dubbed the green diaspora."
He described his talk with Shamir as "very warm," although he noted that the prime minister was "obviously very tired."
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Death sentence commuted for soldier's two murderers

LOD (Item). - The Military Appeals Court yesterday commuted the death sentences of two Israeli Arabs to life imprisonment.
The two, Maher and Karim Yunis, both 26 from the twin villages of Ara and Ar'ara in the Triangle north of Hadera, were sentenced to death by hanging last December for the November, 1980 murder of soldier Avraham Bromberg.
Yesterday's court decision, by five appeals court judges, came at the recommendation of both the defence attorney and the military prosecutor.
The two members of the Yunis clan were found guilty of picking up Bromberg on the night of November 26, 1980 as he was on his way home

to his family in Zichron Ya'acov. Maher, who was sitting in the back seat of the car while Karim drove, shot the corporal in the back of the neck with a pistol. They then pushed him out of the car after stealing his automatic rifle.
He was found by the side of the road the following morning, and died in hospital on December 2, 1980.
The two, who were also found guilty of belonging to Fatah, initially refused to stand for the reading of yesterday's court decision. Their attorney, Amnon Zichroni, persuaded them to stand, and they did, sloppily, while presiding Judge Tat-Aluf Shabtai Ziv read the unanimous decision.

Syria pushing to widen Beirut government's authority

BEIRUT (AP). - Prime Minister Rashid Karamah stressed yesterday his government's pledge to take up political reforms - a key demand of opposition leaders - while Syria stepped up pressure on the opposition to go along with a security plan to widen the government's authority.
Karamah's statement came after a cabinet meeting at which President Amin Jemayel briefed the cabinet on his summit meeting Monday with Syrian President Hafez Assad. Sources said the two agreed to link the security plan and the issue of reform.
Sources in Damascus said that

opposition leaders Walid Jumblatt and Nabih Berri had again been summoned to Damascus last night. It would be Druse leader Jumblatt's third visit to the Syrian capital in two days.
Sources, who asked not to be named, said the two men were expected to meet last night outside Damascus with Syrian Vice President Abdul-Halim Khaddam, with whom Jumblatt met before and after the Jemayel-Assad summit.
Lebanese radio stations reported clashes last night between the Christian "Lebanese Forces" and mainly Druse Progressive Socialist Party.
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SLA takes over control of Nabatiya

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israeli forces handed over responsibility for maintaining security in the town of Nabatiya to the South Lebanese Army at 1 p.m. yesterday. There was no ceremony.
The SLA soldiers are to be positioned mainly in the market area of Nabatiya, site of many attacks on

Israeli soldiers over the last two years.
Nabatiya, in the central sector of South Lebanon, has 22,000 inhabitants, most of them Shi'ites.
In the village of Habush north of Nabatiya, meanwhile, a member of the local guard was killed when light arms fire was aimed at a group of the force's members in front of the mosque.

Tender for Sale of Flat

The 7 1/2 room, first floor flat of the deceased, Thes Buki, 29 Rehov Zolotinsky, block 30021, parcel 265/8, in Talbieh, Jerusalem, is being offered for sale.
The flat may be visited any day, from Wednesday, September 5, to Friday, September 14, 1984, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 3-5 p.m.
Bids must be submitted in writing by September 20, 1984, to the executors of the estate, G. Reubnoff Adv., 2 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem.
No undertaking is given to accept the highest or any bid.
The sale is subject to approval of the court.
Prof. M. Kister
Executors of the estate of Thes Buki
G. Reubnoff Adv.

Peres, Shamir expected to meet today to seal pact Labour, Likud clinch unity deal

Shamir gets Likud okay

Post Knesset Correspondent
The Likud Knesset faction yesterday gave Prime Minister Shamir full authority to conclude an agreement with Alignment leader and prime minister-designate Shimon Peres for a national unity coalition.

Although many members of the faction reiterated the theme that the Likud was not seeking national unity at any price, they also admitted privately to reporters that they were stressing this in order to avoid giving the impression that the Alignment would find the Likud an easy conquest.

A number of speakers asked Shamir to say what truth there was in press reports that after he had concluded the terms of the deal with Peres last week, he backtracked under pressure from the Likud ministers.

Shamir replied angrily that the press reports were "half-truths, misrepresentations and distortions," and that he had not in fact settled anything with Peres last week, but had merely heard him out.

Shamir said: "The Alignment is not twisting my arm. Nor, for that matter, are my Likud cabinet colleagues."

Shamir said the country was in need of a broad-based government, not only to solve a number of economic problems which had become especially grave of late, but also on security grounds. "The Likud and the Alignment do not differ in either of these spheres," he said.

Although the two parties differ in their political outlook with regard to a Middle East settlement, Shamir said, "In the next few years I do not

foresee a situation in which the public will have to come down hard on one side or the other. I do not see that a proposal for a territorial compromise over Judea and Samaria will appear on our agenda in the foreseeable future."
Shamir said that the Likud had persisted in its contacts and negotiations with the small factions in order to make sure that the Alignment could not form a narrow-based coalition and leave the Likud out in the cold.

"The essential significance of rotating the premiership is that the two big parties are forming the government, and not the one party which was charged by the public with the task of forming the government."

He said that the policy of the national unity government would be the same when an Alignment man headed it as when a Likud man headed it.

"The fact that Peres will be prime minister does not mean the government is an Alignment government," he assured the faction.
Shamir said that while there could be no freeze on settlement in the areas, there could be a freeze on the diplomatic scene.

"But at the same time there will certainly not be a tempo of settlement such as we would have liked to witness. This is because of economic reasons," he said.

Shamir said that when at the beginning of last week the Alignment realized it was unable to form a narrow-based government, it began talking in terms of "partnership and..."
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Kibbutz movement stakes claim to two portfolios

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The United Kibbutz Movement has demanded that it be represented by two ministers in any Alignment-led government, kibbutz sources revealed yesterday. The UKM has four representatives in the Knesset.

The demand was presented at a recent meeting between UKM and Labour Party leaders. The UKM representatives explained that it was based on "the contribution of the kibbutz movement to the party - in particular during the recent election campaign."

The sources added that the Labour Party leadership had accepted the principle of the UKM having two ministers. However, Labour sources expressed doubt

whether place would be found for more than one minister to represent the kibbutz movement.

MK Ya'acov Tsur, of the UKM's Meuhad wing, is likely to be one of the ministers. His position is strengthened by his being a leading member of the "camp" of former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The second minister, if the portfolio is allocated, is likely to be either MK Avraham Katz-Oz or UKM co-secretary Yosef Perlmuter, both of the Ihud wing.

If Perlmuter gets the job, Katz-Oz is likely to seek another leading post, possibly that of party secretary-general, while the second UKM co-secretary, Eli Zanim of the Meuhad, will probably be elected sole secretary of the movement next year.

Robbers slay taxi driver, flee with 15 kilos of gold

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - One man was shot dead and two other persons were wounded yesterday in an ambush by two robbers at the entrance to an elevator in an office building in Kiryat Hamelecha. The two robbers then escaped with a bag containing 15 kilos of gold chains, which one of the persons they shot was carrying.
Estimated value of the gold chains was not immediately known.
At about 5 p.m. yesterday taxi driver Ya'acov Zivli brought two employees, a man and a woman, from a gold workshop in Ashdod to building No. 16 in Kiryat Hamelecha, an industrial complex of Rehov Kibbutz Galuyot. They were on their way to another gold workshop, known as Yossi's Jewels, on the ninth floor of the building.
The three got into the elevator on the ground floor along with two other passengers.
Police reported that just as the elevator doors started to close, two masked men armed with an Uzi and a pistol blocked the doors from closing and demanded the bag with gold chains. Evidently when Zivli intervened and the employee refused to surrender the bag, the masked men began shooting.
Zivli fell to the floor, dead, with his feet inside the elevator and his head outside of it.
Wounded were the employee who was carrying the bag and one of the other passengers in the elevator, an 18-year-old youth. They were later taken by ambulances to Ichilov and Wolfson Hospitals. The woman employee and the other passenger in the elevator were not wounded.

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By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Labour and the Likud have effectively concluded an agreement for a unity government, after a long day of informal negotiations and assiduous brokerage by the National Religious Party, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and premier-designate Shimon Peres are expected to meet today to put their final seal of approval on the unity provisions.

These include:
• Rotation of the premiership and inverse rotation of the Foreign Ministry. Peres will be prime minister for 25 months and Shamir deputy prime minister and minister for foreign affairs. Then their roles will be reversed for a further 25 months.
• Yitzhak Rabin of Labour will be minister of defence for the full 50-month period with a Likud deputy minister serving under him.
• Likud will hold the Treasury for the full period, with a Labour deputy minister serving there.

The unity government, in its policy guidelines, will recognize the validity in principle of prior cabinet decisions on new West Bank settlements. But the timing of any such new settlements, and the extent of development of existing settlements, will require specific decisions by the unity cabinet.

This package represents, in large measure, a return to the agreement-in-principle between Shamir and Peres at the end of last week - an agreement which the Likud ministers balked at on Sunday.

The sole difference in the unity set-up is the inclusion of a deputy minister under Rabin - and a "balancing" Labour deputy under the Likud finance minister. There is also a more flexible formulation of what remains, in essence, a papered-over gap on settlements.

Observers say the on-again-off-again evolution since Sunday as shrewd maneuvering by Shamir to push the unity deal through with maximal support within the Likud.

He found himself stymied by his more militant ministers - notably David Levy and Ariel Sharon - and broke off the talks with Peres, allowing the weight of public opinion, and of rank-and-file opinion within his party, to have its full impact upon

the militants.
At the Likud faction meeting which he convened yesterday, only two men, Yoram Aridor and David Magen, the latter a close ally of Sharon, spoke out against the unity package terms.

Among the most forceful voices in favour of the deal, and in support of Shamir, was that of Defence Minister Moshe Arens. This was important for the premier, because Arens had seemed - or been portrayed as - less unequivocal in his remarks at the ministers' consultation on Sunday.

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Olmert mooted as deputy Defence Minister

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Ehud Olmert MK (Likud-La'am) has been mooted as Yitzhak Rabin's deputy at the ministry of defence in the new unity government.

Feelers were apparently put out to Olmert during yesterday's behind-the-scenes bargaining in the Knesset.

Another candidate is reportedly Herut's Michael Dekel.
Olmert himself said last night that La'am, with its three MKs, had been promised as of right a cabinet seat, and he was the candidate.

Presumably though, both he and his faction colleagues would agree to trade a minor portfolio for the deputy ministry in the prestigious and powerful defence department.

On the Labour side there is likely to be greater willingness to accept Olmert than Dekel. Olmert, a Jerusalem lawyer and former Likud firebrand, is regarded as having mellowed in recent years.

Burg seen as Speaker

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Dr. Yosef Burg, the veteran NRP leader, may be proposed as Knesset Speaker as part of the unity government package deal.

His elevation to the Speakership would solve Labour's reluctance to grant the NRP a ministership at Labour's "expense" - because his likely replacement at the cabinet table would be the dovish NRP ex-MK Avraham Melamed.

NRP is seeking two cabinet portfolios. Its entitlement, according to a top NRP source last night, stemmed from its "having worried about the state's interests first - and our own

interests last. We haven't signed any deals with either of the two big blocs. Are we to be punished for that?"

The sources added pointedly, though, that the two big parties' good faith towards NRP - and especially Labour's purported desire to reconstitute the "historic alliance" between religious and socialist Zionism - would be "tested now that they have struck a deal, in part due to our good offices, and no longer need us so much in the short term."

NRP will also seek some government office for its ex-MK Yehuda Ben-Meir: possibly the UN ambassadorship or the chairmanship of the Bank of Israel Advisory Committee.

NRP angling to be 'third unity force'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
and ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporters
TEL AVIV. - The prime result of yesterday's talks between Alignment and National Religious Party delegations was the emergence of the NRP as a problematic factor in the formation of a national unity government.

Alignment sources said after the meeting that the two sides were in broad agreement on the composition of a unity government. The formula

presented by the NRP was identical to that agreed on in informal talks between Labour and the Likud on Monday night, the sources said.

According to the formula, Labour leader Shimon Peres would serve as prime minister for the first two years, with Yitzhak Shamir serving as deputy prime minister and foreign minister. The positions would be rotated after two years.

Labour's Yitzhak Rabin would serve as defence minister for the entire four-year period, and a Likud

nominee would serve as finance minister, also for the full period.

The formula differs from that agreed on by Peres and Shamir last week, however, in that it provides for a Likud deputy defence minister and Alignment deputy finance minister.

According to the sources, the two sides differed over the NRP's demand that it join the government as a separate entity, unconnected to either the Alignment or the Likud.
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Mapam leaders to urge split from Labour at meeting next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The Mapam leadership will convene a central committee meeting early next week and will recommend that the party leave the Alignment, party sources said last night, in reaction to reports that a national unity agreement was imminent.

The central committee is already on record as opposing Mapam's participation in such a government. The

sources were unanimous that Mapam would leave the Alignment, rather than oppose the government tacitly, without breaking its partnership with the Labour Party.

Mapam Secretary-General Victor Shemtov said last night that the national unity government would be politically impotent and would con-

duct an "aggressive" economic policy, at the expense of the workers.

He said that Mapam would sit "with honour" in the opposition and would judge the government according to its deeds. Shemtov added that Mapam would attempt to unite the left-wing opposition to the government, which is likely to include the Citizens' Rights Movement and Labour maverick Yossi Sarid.

Tehiya won't tolerate a settlement freeze

Post Knesset Correspondent
The Tehiya faction has decided not to burn its bridges with the Likud for the time being over the settlement issue, but the break may come soon.

Since operative decisions about the budgeting for settlements will be taken in the cabinet by majority vote, Tehiya has apparently been asked by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to enter the national unity coalition, so that its cabinet ministers can vote in a bloc with the Likud against the Alignment and its allies on such issues.

Tehiya MKs met Shamir yesterday and told him they were fully

aware that the economic crisis meant less settlement, just as it meant less money for everything else.

But they told him that the red line which Tehiya would not cross would be a formula calling for a settlement freeze, or any plan which amounted to the same thing in practice.

They told Shamir that Tehiya wanted to join the negotiations between the Likud and the Alignment.

Parliamentary observers said last night that a softer position adopted by Tehiya at the behest of the Likud might yet pose the Alignment a serious problem inside the national unity cabinet.

While Tehiya was thus wooed by the Likud, Morasha came out last night with a statement warning that the Likud formula on settlement was not acceptable.

Morasha said it would not agree that each and every decision on settlement, large and small, be submitted to the cabinet.

"We will not tolerate discrimination against the settlements in Judea and Samaria vis-a-vis settlements elsewhere in the country," the Morasha statement said. "If settlement is reduced in scope because money is short, then the cuts must equally affect every region of the country."

Sri Lanka official quits in wake of Israel visit

COLOMBO. - A senior Sri Lanka official tendered his resignation yesterday after making a controversial unauthorized visit to Israel, the government announced.

Douglas Liyanage, secretary to the ministry of state responsible for information and tourism, tendered his resignation to President Junius Jayewardene after a brief meeting.

Liyanage, the top authority for press censorship now in force under emergency law, visited Israel last month without informing the government and made several controversial statements in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*.

The four-line statement from the presidential secretariat did not give any reasons for Liyanage's resignation.

Informed sources, however, said Liyanage in his letter to Jayewardene had said he was resigning because he did not want to embarrass the government. His reported statements in Jerusalem about Sri Lanka's sensitive links with Israel caused a storm in parliament and triggered protests from the Arab world.

Liyanage's Israel visit embarrassed the Colombo government with the Arab world, with whom relations have been strained since the opening in June of an Israeli interest section in the American embassy here.

Colombo has stressed that diplomatic relations with Israel remain suspended and that the interest section was opened merely to obtain Israeli intelligence assistance to fight an insurgency of minority Tamil



Douglas Liyanage

separatists seeking a Tamil state in North Sri Lanka.

This explanation has been unacceptable to Arab nations, and Sri Lanka, which has large tea markets and exports thousands of labourers to Arab countries, is concerned about the economic backlash.

Jayewardene has said that Colombo turned to Israel following the failure to get the assistance it needed from other countries. Colombo has stressed that the Israeli presence here served no other purpose and that the friendship with the Arab world should remain undisturbed.

Jerusalem views its return to Colombo following the suspension of diplomatic relations by the Sirima Bandaranaike government in 1970.

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FRANKFURT	10	12	14	Cloudy
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Nahariya	33	17-28	29
Safed	33	17-28	29
Haifa Port	33	17-28	29
Tiberias	33	17-28	29
Nazareth	33	17-28	29
Afula	33	17-28	29
Shimon	33	17-28	29
Tel Aviv	33	17-28	29
B-G Airport	33	17-28	29
Jericho	48	21-37	38
Gaza	49	22-37	38
Beerseba	39	19-32	37
Eilat	39	24-36	37

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog this week received Dr. Reuven Hecht, chairman of the president's discretionary fund, who reported to him on efforts to raise money here and abroad and on how the funds were put to use.

The Irish Minister for Labour, Mr. Ruairi Quinn, yesterday called on Acting Knesset Speaker Abba Eban.

Rishon Lezion Mayor Meir Nitzan and Israel Wizo Honorary Chairman Hana Levin were guest of honour yesterday at a luncheon held at Beit Heuss, Wizo's rest home for mothers of large families. The luncheon was hosted by Frieda Raphael, Beit Heuss's liaison with the World Wizo Executive.

Dr. Michael Livni of Shaare Zedek Hospital will speak on "Pain Control and Acupuncture" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. in the YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

Iraq to hang Thai as 'Israeli spy'

BANGKOK (AP). - An Iraqi military court recently sentenced a Thai construction worker to death by hanging after he allegedly confessed to spying for Israel, a Thai Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

The worker, Thithai Chareon-dham, was one of six Thais who had been accused by Iraqi authorities of espionage activities. The other five were expelled from Iraq in June. They claimed on their return to Bangkok that the Iraqis had used electric shock torture to try to force confessions from them.

Thai officials have denied the workers were involved in espionage. They were employed by a West German construction company to build a road between Baghdad and Basra, south of the capital.

Surapong Pongyongda, director of the Foreign Ministry's press division, said the Thai Embassy in Baghdad will help Thithai try to seek a pardon.

Surapong said the Foreign Ministry has not received any further information since it instructed the embassy in Baghdad to discuss the torture reports with the authorities.

As many as 10,000 Thais work in Iraq, mostly in construction.

An Iraqi Embassy official in Bangkok said he has received no information from his government on the matter.

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Our next activities: the collection of signatures in most towns in Israel, on Thursday of this week, on a commitment to support national reconciliation and fraternity. During the intermediate days of Succot, there will be public meetings on this theme, to be held at countryside locations.

So far, we have received encouraging smiles from the affluent and from those in high positions, but no material support. But we're still expecting your support!

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HOME NEWS

Eitan's maiden speech as MK is 2 sentences

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Tehiya MK Rafael Eitan, former chief of the general staff, made his maiden speech in the Knesset yesterday. It consisted of two sentences.

Speaking at the tail-end of the debate on the redemption of War Loan interest coupons, a debate that began on Monday, Eitan said:

"I propose that the Knesset approve the bill as presented. In addition, with no connection with the bill but in the context of the economic situation, I call on the Knesset to adopt economy and austerity measures in order to serve as an example to the government and the public."

Acting Speaker Abba Eban congratulated Eitan on his first appearance on the Knesset podium.

"You have gained a reputation for conciseness of speech and clarity of expression. I am certain that we can look forward to further characteristic and gripping appearance from this podium," Eban said.

By chance, Eitan was followed by Yossi Sarid (Alignment), hardly one of his admirers. In accordance with Knesset custom, Sarid - as the speaker coming after an MK making his maiden speech - congratulated Eitan. He said he appreciated the speech just heard more than previous speeches of Eitan, and he hoped that this was a portent for the future.

Sarid called on the new government to be formed and to get Israeli forces out of Lebanon within three months. If it failed to do that, it would only sink deeper in the mire and then even three years would not suffice. If the government failed to get out of Lebanon fast, he would be in opposition to it, regardless of its composition, Sarid said.

The war loan bill was referred to the Finance Committee by the votes of the Likud. The Alignment abstained, with the exception of Aharon Harel, who voted against, together with the Citizens Rights Movement and the Progressive List for Peace.

Peretz: Shas wasn't promised \$100m.

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, head of the Shas Knesset faction, yesterday denied as "a complete fabrication" a report that Shas has been promised \$100 million for its institutions as its price for joining a unity government.

In a press conference at the Knesset, he refuted yesterday's Yediot Aharanot report and said that in none of its discussions with the Likud had there been any mention of budgets, money or financial support.

In reply to a question, Peretz said

that Shas' Council of Sages authorized the faction to demand a cabinet portfolio. He stressed that word, as if to imply that in the end it might not accept a portfolio.

Peretz evaded the question of whether Rabbi Eliezer Schach, whose support was of invaluable help in the Knesset elections, had also approved Shas accepting a portfolio, something Schach has forbidden Agudat Yisrael.

According to a knowledgeable source, Schach has in fact not given such approval.

Teachers' unions sign work agreement

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The agreement between the teachers' unions (the Histadrut Teachers' Union and the Secondary School Teachers' Union) and the government, which led to the opening of the school year as scheduled on Sunday, was signed in Jerusalem yesterday.

(The rise received by all public sector employees under the national wage agreement) and their other demands will be negotiated by a committee over the next two weeks.

Formally, the teachers have abandoned their demand for the parity bonus because the Finance Ministry so adamantly opposed it, but they hope to get that same 8 per cent raise under another guise.

The teachers have pledged not to strike during the next four months.

Under the agreement, teachers will receive a 26-per-cent pay rise

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as a significant "return to South Asia," according to an interview the head of the interest section gave a local newspaper before his recent departure from Colombo.

In a statement made in parliament Friday, opposition leader Anura Kumaranatne strongly criticized Liyanage's visit to Israel and the statements attributed to him there and said that if the government did not act against him "it will be sufficient proof that he acted with the full knowledge of the government."

Recently two Nigerian traditional rulers were removed from leadership posts on their return home after visiting Israel. It was reported they had "embarrassed" the Lagos government by their trip. (AP, Reuters)

Post Diplomatic Correspondent adds:

Israeli observers refused to believe that Liyanage's visit to Jeru-

salem was the real cause of his dismissal, or indeed that his dismissal meant a permanent impairment of his career and his influence.

They said Liyanage had many enemies in Colombo, some incurred during his recent work as chief censor and chief spokesman of the government, others dating back to when he was seen as a figure of active dissent under the previous government.

Liyanage is a long-time close adviser and ally of President Jayewardene, and for that reason observers here believe his downfall from office will prove only transient.

Government officials insisted last night that Israel had had no prior knowledge of Liyanage's intention to visit Jerusalem. Once he was here, they said, he was invited to meet with key officials - and it was with his explicit consent that word of these meetings was conveyed to the media.

LEBANON

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militias in the Kharoub region south of Beirut.

The cabinet, stymied for weeks over the security plan to deploy Lebanese Army troops in mountains controlled by Jumblatt's Druze militia, acted quickly yesterday to replace the late Pierre Jemayel as a member of the cabinet. It named Joseph Hashem, director of the Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station to fill the post held by Jemayel, President Jemayel's father, who died last Wednesday.

Administration sources in Lebanon, who asked not to be named, said Jemayel and Assad agreed on quick formation of a 32-man constituent committee to write a new Lebanese constitution in the next four months to achieve Christian-Muslim equality in positions in government, parliament and the army, all traditionally Christian-dominated.

The sources said the agreement also calls for moving Lebanese Army troops quickly into the Druze-controlled Shouf Mountains to disengage combatants and reopen the Beirut-Damascus international highway, closed by continued outbreaks of fighting since last September.

Following yesterday's election

Canada may take new look at Mideast

By CHARLES LAZARUS
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTREAL. - With polls indicating that Canada's general election yesterday would result in the Progressive Conservatives sweeping the Liberal government from power, Canada's Middle East policy now appears up for grabs.

On the eve of the election, the first in 16 years in which Pierre Elliott Trudeau is not the dominant figure, there were already signs of change in Canada's relationship with Israel.

With Trudeau retired from the



Students from 34 countries yesterday plant saplings in the Jerusalem Peace Forest. (Rahamin Israeli)

Students from 34 countries celebrate at Beit Hanassi

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The formal atmosphere of Beit Hanassi was disrupted yesterday by a group of untrained singers and dancers from Zaire, taking their rhythmic cues from a women finger-drumming on a cardboard box.

President Chaim Herzog took it all in good spirit, and a few moments later sat with his eyes riveted on the nimble feet of two dancers from the Philippines, who skipped backwards and forwards between two horizontally swinging bamboo poles, without once catching their toes or bruising their ankles.

The occasion was the 25th anniversary of the Foreign Ministry's division for international cooperation, one of the most important keys in opening doors for Israel in developing Third World countries.

Thousands of foreign students have completed courses in agriculture, community development, income generating projects, rural planning, farm management, public health, social medicine and cooperative initiatives for community development in various Israeli training centres. Hundreds of Israeli instructors have spent long- and short-term periods sharing know-how with farmers and villagers in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

The severing of diplomatic ties between several Third World countries and Israel was not reflected in training programmes. The students continued to come here, as did many students from nations which had never openly engaged in government-level friendly overtures towards Israel.

The current crop of students represents 34 countries of which only 23 have official diplomatic links with Israel. However, all 34 flags were borne aloft yesterday in a colourful parade through the Jerusalem Peace Forest where the trainees planted gum tree saplings.

The trainees heard themselves described by David Kimche, director-general of the Foreign Ministry as "a world assembly devoted and dedicated to one particular objective - the aim of improving the lot of the people of the countries you represent."

IRISH MINISTER

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"As a politician my heart goes out to him at a time like this," said the 38-year-old Labour Party politician who was elected to the Dail, the Irish parliament, in 1977. He was appointed a junior minister responsible for the environment in 1982.

"I talked at length about the problems of minority and majority populations, referring to the troubles of Northern Ireland but with obvious parallels to Israel and the West Bank," Quinn said. "Shamir was very interested but did not say much."

Herzog, whom Quinn formally invited to Ireland during a meeting last week, held a luncheon for the minister yesterday attended by the Irish commander of UNIFIL, Brig. Gen. William Callahan. Herzog's five-day visit is scheduled for next summer, and Quinn reported that the president "was clearly very excited about it and reminisced at length about his youth there."

Quinn was invited to Israel by the Foreign Ministry following his activi-

ties on behalf of Soviet Jewry and his close contacts with the Irish Jewish community. In 1981 he went to Moscow and met a number of refuseniks.

During his visit here, he visited new immigrants from Russia at an absorption centre outside Jerusalem and attended a meeting of the Israeli-Irish Friendship League where he met Avital Schcharansky, wife of the jailed dissident Anatoly Schcharansky.

Quinn held working sessions with Labour and Social Welfare Minister Aharon Uzan and senior ministry officials to examine local methods of vocational training and post-school job placement. He also met with Labour Party officials including MK Yitzhak Rabin and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar.

"I paid a private visit to Bethlehem and to the northern border. As an architect and town planner, I was very impressed with what has been physically achieved in the countryside. But I am also aware of a great nervousness among the people I met and an uncertainty about the future."

Id al-Adha draws Moslems from abroad

JERICHO (Itim). - Thousands of Moslem visitors from the Arab countries have crossed into Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District via the Jordan River bridges recently in preparation for the four-day feast of Id al-Adha, which begins this morning.

Known in English as the Feast of the Sacrifice, Id al-Adha marks what Moslems believe was God's command to Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael, the progenitor of the Arabs. The festival also marks the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca and is traditionally a period of weddings, house warmings and outdoor picnics.

This morning many Israeli industries which depend on labour from the territories are expected to be brought to a halt, as thousands of workers stay home to celebrate. Construction sites, garages, textile

and other industrial plants will probably be most affected.

President Chaim Herzog is to receive leaders of the Druze and Moslem communities this morning. The president is also to visit the Jazzer Mosque in Acre to greet Moslem notables and is to make a special visit to Druze leader Sheikh Amin Tarif at Julis.

The Post Knesset Reporter adds: MK Tawfik Toubi and other members of the Democratic Movement for Peace and Equality yesterday requested from Acting Knesset Speaker Abba Eban to cancel today's session, because of Id al-Adha.

Eban announced this at the beginning of yesterday's session. He said that the request had come rather late, and that he had not had time to study the precedents. He promised to consult with the heads of the various Knesset factions on the matter.

TV head charges FA with 'blackmail'

Radio and television broadcasts of local soccer games may be cancelled because of what Israel Broadcasting Authority Director-General Uri Porat calls "blackmail" by the Football Association.

The FA has proposed raising the fee it receives for broadcasting rights fivefold. It claims that broadcasting

the games cuts deeply into ticket sales at the stadiums.

Porat, however, argued yesterday that broadcasting heightens public interest in the games and therefore boosts ticket sales.

Unless the FA drops its proposal, Porat said, soccer will be omitted from Saturday sports coverage.

Ministries trade charges on deficit Treasury releases some education funds

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury yesterday claimed to have resurrected Education Ministry-sponsored social welfare programmes, including the Perah tuition subsidy plan for students who tutor disadvantaged children and the Tehila adult education project, by unilaterally releasing funds for their payrolls.

But the Education Ministry retorted that without the further release of money needed to purchase items for the programmes, which also include Project Renewal activities, they cannot operate as planned. That money is still frozen.

According to Finance Ministry sources, the "compromise," which the Education Ministry had rejected, was designed to take the wind out of the sails of Director-General Eliezer Shmueli. The sources accused him of waving the flag of the welfare activities to evade implementation of budget cuts mandated by the cabinet.

In fact, the Treasury sources added, all Shmueli had to do to get the special projects money was to include them on a list he should have submitted of high-priority items amounting to 22 per cent of the ministry's contractual commitments. All other ministries had complied with this procedure, they said.

According to the officials, the Education Ministry has consistently failed to implement agreed-upon budget cuts.

In a press release before the Treasury announcement, the Education Ministry accused the Finance Ministry of failing to fully adjust its allocation along with the rise in the number of pupils registered, which has occurred both because of natural increase and because fewer pupils are dropping out.

The statement angrily asserted that the Education Ministry several weeks ago requested the transfer of funds for its social welfare programmes.

NRP ANGLING

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That does not fit in with the agreement between Peres and Shamir to split the 24 portfolios of the government evenly between the Alignment and the Likud, with each allocating seats to its ideological partners.

"They would like to be a third force - but they won't be able to be," one source said.

The government, if it is formed, will be composed of two coalitions, each consisting of a major party and its satellites. But no-one wants to tell the NRP that, because its support might be needed in new elections.

The sources added that both the major parties are opposed to including the NRP as a separate entity, because that would destroy the parity between the two blocs. Labour in particular fears that NRP ministers will support the establishment of new settlements, thus giving a majority to the pro-settlement forces.

Regarding settlements, the Alignment representatives rejected an NRP proposal that settlements already in the pipeline for establishment in "security areas" be established without further approval by

the new government. However, the sources added that it was likely that a compromise along similar lines would be agreed on by the Alignment and the Likud.

Alignment participants came away from the meeting with the impression that the NRP would join an Alignment-led narrowly based government, if the national unity negotiations were to collapse. They ridiculed the NRP's "attempt to portray itself as mediator," saying that Yabad leader Ezer Weizman had done far more to bring about the establishment of a national unity government.

Alignment officials held unofficial consultations with Tami leader Aharon Abuhazzeira yesterday, and will meet with NRP and Morasha leaders today.

Tami and Likud negotiators met in Jerusalem last night in an effort to reach a final decision on a cooperation agreement between the two parties. The Tami secretariat is due to convene on Thursday to ratify the decision. By late last night, it was still unclear whether the Likud would agree to all of Tami's demands.

UNITY GOVERNMENT

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hours, and trusted confidants of the two leaders were knitting together the severed strands even as their bosses were exchanging public recriminations on the radio on Monday morning.

The NRP's role - consistently and determinedly advocating the unity option - was also played with exquisite effectiveness during the critical hours of Monday. Labour politicians, and Yabad's Ezer Weizman, who in the morning spoke confidently of the chance of a narrow government, found themselves confronted by a solid and unusually unanimous phalanx of NRP men all demanding that the unity efforts be resumed forthwith.

It was the NRP's compromise formula, largely tilting towards Peres' position in the suspended talks, which served as the basis for the

eventual deal.

Other key figures in the behind-the-scenes drama were Liberal MKs aligned with Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who strongly demanded that Likud climb down from the tough line taken at the ministerial meeting on Sunday. There were no threats, overt or implied, that Liberal loyalty could not be ensured if the Likud remained recalcitrant and the unity prospect was lost.

In the final stage of bargaining over jobs and settlement formulae, Shamir was represented by the former cabinet secretary, now a Likud MK, Dan Meridor.

Though a Begin appointee, and though he remains close to the previous premier, Meridor succeeded as cabinet secretary in winning Shamir's trust and respect - and this relationship plainly has deepened now that Meridor has entered the Likud's Knesset ranks.

26 S. African blacks slain in riots against rent hikes

JOHANNESBURG. - Police fired rubber bullets to drive off looters and arsonists yesterday after 26 blacks were killed and more than 200 injured in the worst day of black rioting in eight years.

Mobs of rioters, enraged by rent increases, hurled petrol bombs and bricks at police, barricaded roads and set fire to dozens of buildings in an explosion of turmoil from Sunday to Monday night in Sharpeville and in two other black townships near Vereeniging, 75 kilometres south of Johannesburg.

The death toll rose from 14 to 26 as more bodies were recovered from destroyed buildings and areas police could not enter on Monday, said Lt. Hein Lourens at police headquarters in Pretoria. He said it was unclear how many victims were shot by police. A total of 35 rioters were arrested, he said.

Three members of the local black council for the townships were slain and eight of their homes burned out by rioters, the national radio said.

Schools were closed, many workers stayed home and the few shops that escaped damage were closed yesterday. Police set up roadblocks and patrolled the townships in armoured personnel carriers.

Authorities said at least 55 shops and houses were hit by rioters, but film footage of the area suggested the damage was far more extensive. In Cape Town, meanwhile, mem-

bers of South Africa's first multi-racial parliament were sworn in yesterday as the country pushed ahead with political reforms that gave some voice to Asians and Coloureds (mixed race), but not to the black majority.

The new parliamentarians selected an electoral college which analysts said would certainly appoint Prime Minister P.W. Botha today as executive state president, a post created by the country's controversial new constitution. (AP, Reuters)

Two-day-old baby abandoned in Jerusalem

A two-day old baby was found abandoned in a grove in Jerusalem's French Hill neighbourhood yesterday morning.

The baby boy was dressed in diapers and a vest, wrapped in a blanket and abandoned in the grove, where he was heard crying by a resident.

He was taken to Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus, where he was said to be in excellent condition.

The Jerusalem police spokesman last night appealed to the public to help trace the baby's parents. (Itim)

BEACHES. - The Acre municipality and the Environmental Protection Service will soon begin a wide-scale project to clean up beaches within the domain of the municipality.

The Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University and the Lady Davis Chair of Biochemistry deeply mourn the passing of

BERNARD M. BLOOMFIELD

an outstanding friend of Israel and extend condolences to his widow, Neri, and all the family.

Jobless rate rising as some jobs go begging

Employment authorities in the centre and north of the country report significant unemployment in their areas and say they expect the situation to worsen in the near future. Many sources report veteran workers being laid off and note that newly demobilized soldiers are unable to find jobs. One exception to the grim overall picture is that many menial jobs available are rejected by the newcomers to the job market, because they consider them undesirable.

The Centre
Lod. The secretary of the Lod Labour Council announced yesterday that the local Telrad electronics plant intends to fire 150 workers next month and that the town has no jobs to offer. Ben-Gurion Airport expects to fire dozens of seasonal workers after the holidays, most of them residents of the Lod-Ramle area. These soon-to-be unemployed will join the ranks of unemployed demobilized soldiers, who have been waiting in vain for jobs for several months.
Rishon LeZion. About 1,000 people are out of work in Rishon LeZion, 100 more than last month. Demobilized soldiers — many with high school graduation certificates — have been waiting for over eight months for jobs.
Ramle. Some 1,200 unemployed are registered in Ramle, many of them demobilized soldiers. Employ-

ment officials note that no new factory has been established in the area in 15 years, and such large employers as the Military Industries are trimming their work forces.

Rehovot. The unemployment situation here is not too bad, the Employment Service reports, with some production jobs available and much seasonal work expected with the opening of the citrus season next month.

Ness Ziona. Half the 200 registered unemployed in Ness Ziona are women.

Yavne. No lack of employment is reported in Yavne, where anyone seeking a job is apparently able to find one in the town or nearby.

The North

Tiberias. The secretary of the local labour council, Yossi Cohen, refers to the unemployment situation in the north as "a volcano about to erupt." He notes there are 800 unemployed in Tiberias, or 12 per cent of the work force, and expects this number to be increased next month by 200 demobilized soldiers.

Safad. Despite the 360 unemployed in Safad, residents are hopeful that a planned Koor chocolate plant will help relieve the situation. But labour council secretary Yosef Sagiv is worried that "young people are leaving the town, the town, is sinking."

Kiryat Shmona. Labour council secretary Michael Ya'acobi, noting the 600 unemployed in Kiryat Shmona, says "the town has no future." However, the local Employment Office reports that many jobs go begging, because the young people refuse to take them.

Hatzer. This Upper Galilee town reports a similar situation, with many menial jobs going to residents of the territories, after being turned down by young Israelis.

Carmiel. Some 800 workers are unemployed in Carmiel, or about 10 per cent of the town's breadwinners. Labour council secretary Ezra Pik said another 160 workers are expected to be unemployed by next month, unless the government steps in to aid three local factories. A plea sent last week to the Ministry of Industry and Trade has not yet been answered.

Hadera-Pardes Hannah-Zichron Ya'acov. Labour council secretary Avraham Becker says he can offer the 71 unemployed in the town only seasonal work or service jobs. Some 170 such jobs are going begging in Zichron Ya'acov, because young people reject menial labour. Cleaning workers are needed for the coal conveyor belt at the Hadera power station, as well as a number of jobs in local fruit-processing plants. Pik says these jobs are going to Arab youths, because Jewish youths feel such work is beneath them. (Tim)

Moshavim get 10 more days to pay water bill

By YITZHAK OKED
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Mekorot national water company yesterday gave 250 moshavim a 10-days' grace in which to pay their water bills. The moshavim, which together owe Mekorot almost IS1 billion, were to have had their water cut off yesterday.

The 10-day respite was agreed upon at a meeting yesterday between Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper and Mekorot general manager Ze'ev Ashkenazi. Grupper had been pressed by various settlement organizations to find a solution to the problem, and he promised to bring the matter up at Sunday's cabinet meeting.

The Jerusalem Post learned that if the moshavim do not pay up, Mekorot will not be able to pay its electricity bill — due on the 20th of the

month. Mekorot is the country's largest electricity consumer.

The Israel Electric Corporation has already threatened to cut off the power at Mekorot's pumping stations if the bill is not paid.

David Shamiya, in charge of water affairs for the moshavim, told The Post that the 10-day extension would change nothing unless the government came to the rescue.

"The economic situation has put us in a tight squeeze, and cannot afford the high interest on this debt," he said.

"Mekorot gives us interest-free credit for only 20 days, while most of our produce takes months to raise or grow and only then do we see the money. What we need is a one-year loan of about \$4 million on low interest from the government. We would use part of this for urgently

needed working capital," he added.

Questioning as to what would happen if Grupper did not manage to arrange such a loan, Shamiya said: "If the government doesn't find the money then they will be responsible for what will happen. Agriculture is not like a factory where you can close the gates and then after one or two weeks, start operating again."

"If Mekorot cuts off our water, all our produce will dry up in a matter of days. And we're talking about fruit, vegetables and flowers for both the local market and the export market, where contracts have already been signed."

Shamiya said the moshavim had passed the protest stage. "Moshavim quite simply cannot take it any longer. If the taps are closed, we won't do anything. We'll just sit and watch our fields dry up."

Interior Ministry: No more cash for Tel Aviv

By AARON SITTNER
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Interior Ministry is neither a "rubber stamp" nor a *carte blanche*, a ministry spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday when asked if special financial assistance would be given to the Tel Aviv municipality.

On Sunday, Mayor Shlomo Lahat declared that the city's treasury was "empty," making it impossible to meet the city payroll on Friday. Angry municipal workers have threatened to go on strike if they are not paid on time.

The Interior Ministry spokesman said: "The approved budget for Tel Aviv, for the second quarter of this year alone, is a hefty IS37.9 billion. At a meeting with Mayor Lahat in July, ministry Director General Haim Kubersky made a few things

clear: no money over and above the approved budget can be expected from the government. The only way out would be for Tel Aviv to raise money on its own, by locally enacted by-laws, or by special grants from government ministries other than interior or finance."

"Tel Aviv, like every other local authority, will just have to learn to live within its means," he added. "We cannot serve as a rubber stamp or *carte blanche* for unauthorized spending spree by local councils."

In related news, Kubersky yesterday reminded mayors and other local authority heads that the three-month (September, October and November) freeze on new ordering, purchasing or hiring declared by the Ministerial Economic Committee for government ministries applies to local authorities as well.

Exceptions to the new rule will be granted to local authorities for purchase of health, safety and security equipment and supplies for local schools, and for hiring of eight types of municipal employees, Kubersky said.

The eight job titles are: council secretary, council treasurer, veterinarian, legal adviser, controller, engineer, emergency services director and kindergarten teachers and their aides.

Meanwhile, Holon Mayor Pinhas Elion this week called on municipal workers to work towards cutting municipal spending.

In a letter circulated to the workers, he urged each of them to set a personal example in helping to reduce spending at a time of national and municipal financial hardship.

Charges levelled in Orly Biton murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A 27-year-old Bat Yam man was charged in district court here yesterday with the murder in January 1982 of Orly Biton in the sand dunes of Rishon LeZion.

Rahamim Reifer, together with Yitzhak Aljini, is charged with plotting to kill Biton because they suspected her of implicating them for an armed robbery in Kfar Sava.

According to the charge sheet, Reifer and Aljini invited their victim to join them in a trip to a place where they had hidden drugs. After midnight on January 1, the three then drove in Aljini's car to the dunes, where the men got out and began digging with a shovel they had brought.

When they had prepared a pit suitable for burial, the prosecution contends, the two asked Biton to come out, and when she did, they strangled her and beat her with the

shovel, then pushed her into the pit and covered the body.

State prosecutor Pinna Gai asked that Reifer be held in jail until the end of his trial and that a lawyer be appointed for him. The defendant showed no interest in a lawyer, but asked that he be examined at the Bat Yam mental hospital. "I want to prove what they did to me in jail," he said.

Judge Moshe Hason ruled that because of the seriousness of the alleged crime, a lawyer must be appointed for the defendant. Noting that Reifer has not claimed that he is mentally ill and therefore not responsible for his actions, but that he is confined in the psychiatric department of Ramle Prison, the judge ordered that a report on his condition be submitted.

An identical indictment has been filed against Aljini.

Negligence probe over balcony death

By DAVID RUDGE
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police are investigating the possibility of negligence following the death of 70-year-old Esther Abaronowitz who was killed when the balcony of her apartment collapsed on Monday night.

It was confirmed yesterday that the first-floor balcony on Rehov Sokolov was in an unsafe condition. Haifa's deputy mayor Prof. Moshe Livneh said an order calling on the owner to institute repairs was to have been sent out from the city engineer's department this week.

Last night Yitzhak Barr, who himself is in his 80s and owner of the four-storey building, was too upset to talk about the incident. Relatives said he knew the dead woman.



A captured fugitive yesterday awaits its owner behind bars at the Ramat Gan police station. (Amram Galmi)

Escaped primate monkeys around apartment building

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A small monkey yesterday romped through an apartment building in the city's Ramat Aviv neighbourhood, biting a boy on the hand and leading residents on a long chase before it was trapped in a room and taken away by police officers.

The monkey made its appearance in the third-storey flat of the Bar-Uryan family at Rehov Einstein 53. After apparently climbing up a drainpipe, it leaped through an open window and startled the family at breakfast.

It started to play with one of the children's toys and when the boy, Jonathan, 1½, approached it, the monkey bit him on the hand. The boy was treated at a nearby clinic.

The monkey then fled back down the drainpipe and entered the Blazer family's flat on the first floor, where family members chased it into a room with no exit and locked it in.

The police were called and they soon arrived with a representative of the Zoological Institute of Tel Aviv University. Uri Marder. They coaxed the monkey from the room with sweets and captured it in a sack, then took it to the Ramat Gan police station.

In the afternoon, a woman resident of the same building claimed her monkey from the police. The other residents had not known she owned a pet.



New ambassadors Ilonome Tarnas of Papua-New Guinea, left, and Edgardo Dumas Rodriguez of Honduras.

Two new envoys present credentials

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two new ambassadors — one from Honduras and the other from Papua-New Guinea — presented their letters of credence yesterday to President Chaim Herzog at Beit Hanassi. Neither will reside in Israel during his term of service.

The ambassador of Honduras is Edgardo Dumas Rodriguez, a 53-year-old lawyer. A graduate of the University of Honduras, he previously served his government as labour minister and economics

minister. The non-resident ambassador is based in London.

Ilonome Tarnas, a 42-year-old lawyer, represents the island nation of Papua New Guinea. Tarnas was previously deputy secretary of the prime minister's department, secretary of the national executive council, high commissioner to New Zealand and secretary of the public service commission.

His latest position was secretary of the prime minister's department. He is based in Rome.

Harnoi trial hears testimony of convicted stone-thrower

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Nablus youth convicted of stone-throwing during the incident last year in which shots were fired in the city, killing 11-year-old Aisha Bahsh, testified yesterday for the defence of the man charged with her murder, Yosef Harnoi.

Also on trial before Tel Aviv District Court is Efraim Segal, charged with being an accomplice.

Zahak Barakat, who is serving a two-year sentence for stone-throwing and demonstrating, was summoned by the defence. Judge Uri Strosman read out testimony previously given by Barakat, admitting that he and two friends had stoned the car in which Harnoi and Segal rode last December 3.

The two men got out of the car and chased the youths through the streets of Nablus, he had said. "We ran away and saw one of the settlers coming after us with a gun," he had said, "until we came to a bakery. There I saw two girls walking out the

door, and I shouted at them: 'Move, so we can run through and get away.'

"Suddenly I heard a volley of shots and the cries of the girls," the witness's original statement went on. "I immediately froze, looked back and saw them sprawled out on the road, one bleeding from her mouth. The person who had been chasing after me with the gun was three metres from them."

The statement was translated into Arabic, and the witness was then questioned by lawyers for the defence and the prosecution. He offered various and contradictory versions of the events.

Earlier, the court heard testimony from Dr. Schwartz, an expert on epilepsy, who described with general reference the altered states of consciousness it may bring about. Harnoi has claimed that he suffered an attack of the disease at the time of the killing and does not remember what happened.

Trial of big 4 banks moved to Tel Aviv

By PINHAS LANDAU
 Post Finance Reporter

The Supreme Court has acceded to the request of the attorneys representing the Big Four banks, and transferred their impending trial to the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court. The banks have been charged with acting as a cartel in the summer of 1983, and conspiring to lower interest payments on customers' *tapas* deposits.

The charges, which are being brought by the trade restrictions department of the Industry and Trade Ministry, were presented to the Jerusalem Magistrates Court, despite the fact that the bank offices and, indeed, the scene of the "crime," are in Tel Aviv. The fact that the registered address of Bank Mizrahi is in Jerusalem, served as an excuse to present the charges in Jerusalem.

However, Justice Meir Shamgar accepted the point of the attorneys. Amnon Goldenberg for Leumi and Discount, Mishael Heshin for Hapoalim, and Ram Caspi for Mizrahi, that for reasons of convenience the trial should be held in Tel Aviv. It had been due to open in Jerusalem today, but will now be delayed, possibly until after the High Holiday period, six weeks hence.

Accused are not only the banks — one of the few times that a corporate entity has been charged with a criminal offence — but also their heads. Thus, Ernst Japhet, Giora Gazit, Eli Cohen and Aharon Meir are accused of meeting together and agreeing between themselves to lower interest rates paid to clients depositing money in what was then the primary short-term deposit instrument of the financial system.

Haifa official raps long police probe

By DAVID RUDGE
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Deputy Mayor Prof. Moshe Livneh asserted yesterday that the efficiency of the city engineers department is being impaired by the six-month-long police inquiry into suspicions of bribery and corruption within the department.

Fraud squad investigators have been checking files for business and building licences and other applications made to the department following suspicions that staff members may have accepted bribes. An undisclosed number of staff have been questioned, but no charges have been filed.

Livneh charged that exaggerated press reports about the investigation

had damaged the morale of the staff of 180.

Livneh told reporters there had been cases where people have asked "how much it costs" to have an application approved. Staff are afraid to make decisions and shuffle applications from one to the other, he said.

Livneh, who, as chairman of the city council's planning and building committee, is responsible for the department, said: "I do not have the right to ask the police to stop their investigation and I would not dream of doing so. But I do ask the public not to pass judgement on the department or its staff. Only a judge has that prerogative if a case is brought to trial."

New regulations planned for optometry

Post Knesset Reporter

The practice of optometry will be regulated by law under a government bill that passed its first reading yesterday after being presented by Health Minister Eliezer Shostak.

The bill was referred to the Labour and Social Affairs Committee, which has not yet been appointed.

The law will replace administrative regulations issued by the ministry four years ago.

It provides that only persons licensed by the ministry will have the right to practise optometry and authorizes the ministry's director-

general to cancel a licence under certain circumstances.

A professional advisory committee will be established to advise the minister on such questions as the conditions an optometry school should have to meet in order to win recognition and the instances in which an optometrist must require a referral from an oculist before treating a patient.

Speakers in the debate thought that the director-general's powers were too broad, and criticized the paragraph prohibiting an optometrist from treating a patient under the age of 10 or more than 50,

Petah Tikva man gets 10 years for rape

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A 25-year-old Petah Tikva man was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in prison for the rape of a Ramat Gan woman and another attempted rape in Herzliya.

Moshe Madar was convicted by Tel Aviv District Court of assaulting a 12-year-old girl in Herzliya last October 18, at 1 p.m., while the girl was walking her dog. He forced her to undress, but did not succeed in raping her.

Eight days before that, Madar dragged his other victim into an alley off Rehov Jabotinsky in Ramat Gan after she walked out of a phone booth at 10 p.m. He then raped her.

Judges Shmuel Kwart, Ya'acov Kedmi and Edna Shatzky said that because of Madar's previous convictions and the brutality of his crimes, he should be locked up for a long time.

"We cannot permit women and girls to be exposed to the danger of such severe sexual violence, their bodies fair game the moment they step out of their homes, just because men like the defendant are on the loose," they said.

Instruments record light quake in North

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A light earthquake was felt before dawn Monday in the Alonai Abba district of the Jezre'el Valley, the Energy Ministry's seismological bureau reported yesterday. It said the tremor measured 3.2 on the Richter scale, with its epicentre at a depth of 11 kilometres.

On August 24, an earthquake registering five on the Richter scale caused minor damage in Haifa.

Druse protest 'victimization' in police murder inquiry

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Four Druse charged yesterday that they had been improperly treated by the police when under suspicion in a murder investigation.

The four, from the village of Yanuah in the Galilee, held a press conference to demand action on their unanswered complaints to the interior minister and police inspector general.

Together with their lawyer, Yussuf Kablan, they demanded that their names be cleared in the murder of Nabilah Mando, since no charges were ever brought against them.

Kablan said he was considering demanding compensation for the "unprecedented" long detention of the four, in one case for 105 days.

Mando, a 40-year-old mother of nine, said to be of dubious reputation, was shot dead by a masked man in Beit Laga village last January.

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Sa'ad, 62, former chairman of the Galilee District Council, told the press conference that the investigation had been turned into a "person-

al vendetta" against his family. Suspicion fell on the Sa'ad family because Mando was a member of their clan, and the sheikh had arranged her second marriage.

The murder investigators, headed by Chief Inspector Ya'acov Abramovitz, questioned the sheikh, detained his sons Ali and Aref for 15 and 105 days respectively, and his nephew Salah (who is a chief inspector in the Border Police and who did not attend the conference) for 47 days.

The deputy headmaster of the district school, Raja Yussuf Hatib, was also held for 55 days because, he told the conference "I entered the murder into my meticulously kept personal diary, as I do everything else of note."

They claimed they had been mistreated, badly insulted and humiliated. As a result, the two Sa'ad sons had deserted their IDF units in Lebanon, but their father had sent them back.

Aref was released only last week, after the High Court refused to further prolong his 105 days in the lock-up.

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Labour Day signals campaign opening Ferraro leads attack on Reagan

LONG BEACH, California. (Reuters) — Democrat Walter Mondale has taken to the high road in his campaign for the U.S. presidency, letting his running mate Geraldine Ferraro lead the attacks in their campaign against incumbent Ronald Reagan.

"I run as a candidate for president with the view that ours is a great country, but it must be greater," Mondale told an enthusiastic crowd on Monday in Merrill, Wisconsin, second stop of a cross-country tour. The shirt-sleeved Mondale was attempting to answer Reagan's charges that Democrats are painting America in terms of doom and gloom by citing the words of the late president John Kennedy in the 1960 presidential campaign.

He left it to Ferraro to portray

Reagan as militarily aggressive, a patron of the rich and a misguided patriot. "Today, while Ronald Reagan jokes about bombing the Soviet Union," she said, "Fritz Mondale wants to negotiate with that tough adversary and control the nuclear arms race."

The Democratic team had a disappointing turnout earlier in the day on the East Coast at New York City's Labour Day parade. The national holiday traditionally marks the unofficial start of the presidential campaign.

It was their first foray together since a well-received southern swing in July following their nomination by the Democratic national convention.

But the small town in Wisconsin gave them a rousing reception, and

the ended the day on the West Coast, where Reagan celebrated the holiday in southern California's staunchly Republican Orange County.

Reagan was in high spirits two months before an election which the polls suggest he could win by a landslide. The president said he is continuing "the great crusade" he launched in 1980.

Kuwait official confirms major new oil finds

KUWAIT (Reuters) — Kuwait has officially confirmed for the first time some major new oil finds, which will significantly prolong the life of its already hefty reserves.

U.S. man held after fatal blast in Montreal

MONTREAL (AP) — Workers cleared rubble yesterday from Montreal's main railroad station after an explosion killed three people and injured 41. An American arrested in connection with notes threatening Pope John Paul II sent to the station was to appear in court.

The explosion on Monday sent metal and glass fragments tearing into a line of about 150 people waiting to board a train for Ottawa at the end of Canada's Labour Day weekend.

A police spokesman said police arrested Thomas Brigham, 65, believed to be from Rochester, New York, in connection with about 50 anonymous notes threatening John Paul, banks, insurance companies and various governments. The notes were mailed to the train station and various news media in Ottawa and Montreal since April.

Brigham was to appear yesterday in sessions court.

200 hijacked Iranians return, 4 stay in Iraq

TEHRAN (Reuters) — Two hundred passengers and crew of an Iranian airliner hijacked to Iraq arrived back in Teheran yesterday after being held in Baghdad for a week.

The Tehran representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Frederic Maurice, told reporters the two Iranian hijackers and four other passengers had remained in Iraq.

The Iran Air Airbus was hijacked on a flight between Shiraz, southern Iran, and Teheran a week ago yesterday.

Maurice said 189 passengers and 11 crew, all Iranian, were checked against a list and handed over to an Iranian government official at Mehrabad Airport. He said he could not give details of the four passengers who stayed behind in Baghdad. The returnees arrived aboard a specially-chartered commercial Dutch airliner.

The hijacked plane was assumed to be still in Iraq. Iran has called on Baghdad authorities to return it and Iran Air said efforts would continue through international aviation organizations "for the return of the aircraft and the trial of the hijackers."

After the Airbus was hijacked it was diverted across the gulf to Kuwait. But what happened next was never clarified.

Iran said Kuwait was prepared to let it land but changed this decision on the urging of Iraq. The Iranian version said Iraqi fighters overflew Kuwait and forced the plane to Iraq.

In Baghdad, Iraqi authorities organized a press conference at which two Iranian passengers said they hijacked the plane soon after it left Shiraz. They said they did not belong to any political party or organization and their precise motive has never been clear.

Heavy fighting erupts across Afghanistan

NEW DELHI (AP) — Hundreds of people have been slain in a new round of fighting between Soviet and Afghan forces and anti-Marxist guerrillas throughout Afghanistan, western diplomatic reports and the official Kabul Radio said yesterday.

Reports by two western embassies in Kabul said at least 100 Soviet troops were killed last week in a guerrilla ambush on a Soviet outpost south of the Salang Pass on the main highway to the Soviet Union.

The attack was in apparent retaliation for the reported massacre of 30 elderly men and women in the area, northwest of Kabul, according to the reports, which were read out to journalists by western diplomats based in New Delhi.

The diplomats, who asked not to be identified, also said in almost identical reports that as many as 170 Soviet troops were slain on August 23 and 24 south of Kabul, when Soviet helicopter gunships, attempting to quell a rebel attack near Kati

Sanghi, mistakenly bombed their own soldiers.

The Afghan government radio, meanwhile, reported that 554 guerrillas were killed in a fierce battle in the province of Wardak, southwest of Kabul. It was believed to be the highest rebel toll ever announced by the Soviet-installed regime since the outbreak of nationwide insurgency five years ago.

Meanwhile, in a major development, transmission pylons in a 40-kilometre stretch of land between Kabul and the Sarobi hydro-electric power station were destroyed the past week by a pro-regime tribal group that turned hostile and later fled to neighbouring Pakistan in government vehicles, the western sources reported.

Rocket-firing guerrillas last week also attacked and damaged a turbine at the Puli-Chakri thermal power station outside Kabul, the reports said. The diplomats also said an estimated 40 Soviet troops were slain

and up to 40 armoured vehicles were destroyed in two separate guerrilla attacks on Soviet convoys travelling to the Logar Valley, 40 kilometres south of the Afghan capital.

Reliable resistance sources in Islamabad, Pakistan, said yesterday that the bomb blast at Kabul Airport last Friday, which western diplomats said killed 28 people and injured 350, was accompanied by four other explosions at three hotels and a cinema in the capital as part of a new strategy of urban warfare.

Western diplomats said Soviet forces have stepped up security in Kabul since the airport blast and now scan the city at night with three or four powerful searchlights perched on surrounding hills.

They said the blast, which hit mostly students flying to the Soviet cities of Tashkent and Moscow, was probably a protest against communist indoctrination of Afghan students. (AP Reuters)

Unrest precedes South Korean visit to Japan

TOKYO (AP) — South Korean students hurled rocks and riot police fired back tear gas in Seoul, while thousands rallied in Tokyo in continuing opposition yesterday to the state visit to Japan of South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan.

Two days before the three-day visit was to begin, Japan's National Police Agency warned people to steer clear of the state guest house in central Tokyo where Chun will be staying.

A police spokesman said a record 785.55 million yen (\$3.25 million) will be spent on security during the visit — far more than the 300 million yen (\$1.24 million) spent during the visit of U.S. President Ronald Reagan last fall.

The Japanese ambassador to Seoul, Toshikazu Maeda, said that opposition to Chun's visit in South Korea is "limited," with most South Koreans supporting the visit as a "new beginning" in relations between the neighbouring countries.

The anti-Chun forces say the visit will promote a military "alliance" between Japan, South Korea and the U.S., a claim Japan, which has no defence ties with South Korea, strongly denies.

Soviets call Nato maneuvers a provocation

MOSCOW (Reuters) — The Soviet press yesterday condemned Nato's annual autumn maneuvers as a provocation and said the Communist Warsaw Pact was carrying out its own war games this week only because it was forced to respond.

The Communist Party daily Pravda hit out particularly at the British "Lionheart" exercise which started Monday and will involve the biggest deployment of troops to West Germany since World War II.

Pravda said "Lionheart" would mean the transfer of British forces "provocatively close" to East Germany and involve the testing of tactics which would be used for chemical, biological and nuclear warfare.

Nato's "Autumn Forge" maneuvers will last throughout September and involve 258,000 troops in West Germany alone.

Soviets rap Japan for seeking disputed islands

MOSCOW (Reuters) — The Soviet Communist Party daily, Pravda, yesterday criticized Japan for demanding the return of the southern Kurile Islands and accused Tokyo of brainwashing the Japanese people.

The Soviet Union, which seized the islands at the end of the World War II and has built large military bases on them, refuses to discuss their return.

Pravda was commenting on the departure of a Japanese delegation to Washington to try to persuade U.S. mapmakers to give the islands their Japanese names in atlases.

Pravda said Tokyo was stepping up its campaign over the islands in order to justify a revival of militarism and the development of closer military cooperation with the U.S.

Astronauts chip away ice and prepare to land today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (Reuters) — The crew of the space shuttle Discovery yesterday successfully knocked a piece of bothersome ice off the side of their craft and started preparing for its first landing.

Mission commander Henry Hartfield, took control of Discovery's robot arm, and, using a television camera attached to it, delicately tapped the ice chunk sticking out from two waste water venting ports.

Guided by astronaut Sally Ride, who practised the unplanned procedure on the ground, and relayed instructions to the shuttle, Hartfield chipped away most of the ice, a focus of concern since Sunday.

Air hostess has baby during stop-over

LONDON (Reuters) — A British air hostess revealed yesterday how she delivered her own baby during a Middle East stop-over and said it came as a complete surprise.

"I had no idea I was pregnant," unwept Susan Mackie told the Daily Mail newspaper.

She said she gave birth in her hotel room in Doha in the Gulf State of Qatar last week. "It wasn't difficult — just natural," said the stewardess from Aberdeen, Scotland.

Mackie, 23, who has been suspended from her job with Gulf Air flew back to Britain cradling her 3 kilogram baby son David and said she was keeping the name of the father secret.

Chile opposition plans mass protest

SANTIAGO (AP) — After six months of inaction and internal bickering, the movement against Chilean President Augusto Pinochet's military rule called for two days of massive protests starting yesterday in an effort to paralyze the country.

The government closed the volatile Catholic University in the port city of Valparaiso and quietly moved far-away army units to the outskirts of the capital.

A broad opposition movement that seeks a quick return to democracy urged its followers to mass in the centres of cities at noon yesterday and sing the national anthem, then make noise with cooking pots and car horns in the evening. It urged everyone to stay home today.

Last year, huge anti-government demonstrations that began in May, coupled with a recession marked by

32 per cent unemployment, forced Pinochet to make concessions. He let thousands of exiles come home, eased press censorship and permitted open activity by opposition parties for the first time in a decade.

But there have been no major protests since March. The government has since abandoned talk of a promised congressional election in 1986 and returned to repressive measures against the militant left. The economy is slowly improving, with official unemployment down to 24 per cent.

Pinochet, who seized power in a 1973 coup, has played on middle-class fears by associating anti-government protests with violence and communist plotting. More than 100 people have died in the protests, mostly unarmed demonstrators in the capital's turbulent slums.

Poland may force dissidents into exile

WARSAW (Reuters) — Poland's Communist government is considering enforced exile for political foes who continue to oppose it, official spokesman Jerzy Urban said yesterday.

Informed sources described the disclosure as a clear warning to Solidarity union activists who have been seeking ways to keep alive opposition to the authorities since their release from prison recently under an amnesty.

Urban said government lawyers were studying the possibility of "ex-

pulsion from Poland for repeated and consistent infringement of the constitution or the legal system."

The measures could lead to the "exiling of certain people for a number of years," he told a press conference.

He did not identify people who risked deportation but the sources said it could apply to dissident intellectuals like Jacek Kuron and Adam Michnik, who have been in and out of jail for 15 years for their opposition to the regime, or even Solidarity leader Lech Walesa.

Zimbabwe ex-premier freed from detention

HARARE (Reuters) — The Zimbabwe government yesterday released former prime minister Bishop Abel Muzorewa after detaining him without charge for nearly a year.

Muzorewa, head of the pre-independence government of Zimbabwe Rhodesia in 1979, was detained last October, four days after returning from a private visit to

Israel on what he said was a Bible study trip.

State Security Minister Emmerson Mnangagwa said he was suspected of colluding with South Africa against Zimbabwe. Muzorewa, 59, heads the opposition United African National Council Party, which holds three seats in the 100-seat (lower) House of Assembly.

Sports

According to the form book

NEW YORK (AP) — No. 1 women's seed Martina Navratilova and No. 2 Chris Evert Lloyd breezed their way into the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open tennis championships.

Navratilova, who hasn't even come close to losing a set this year in the defence of her title overpowered 15th-seeded Barbara Potter 6-4, 6-4 in 1 hour in the \$2.55 m. tournament at the National Tennis Centre.

Australian Wendy Turnbull, at 31 the oldest women's seed here, moved into the quarters by ousting Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 6-3, 6-1.

Also advancing to the quarter-finals of the women's singles were third-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia No. 4 Pam Shriver of the U.S., No. 14 Carling Bassett of Canada and unseeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia. Lloyd, a six-time U.S. Open winner made her way past No. 12 Bonnie Gadusek, 6-4, 6-0.

Shriver had the easiest route when her scheduled opponent, ninth-seeded Susan Mascarin, was forced to default. Mascarin severely sprained her ankle in a doubles match Sunday.

Mandlikova dropped the first set and was down in the second before rallying to defeat Lori McNeil 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; Bassett stopped Switzerland's Petra Delhees Jauch 6-1, 6-1; and Sukova shocked Bonder, the French Open quarter-finalist, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Among the men, Gomez eliminated No. 12 Vitas Gerulaitis 6-4, 7-6, 6-1 in one of the best of the tournament — at least for the first two sets. But, when Gomez captured the second-set break, Gerulaitis was at net point, 7-6, and serving. But Gomez won the next two points and four consecutive points went against Gerulaitis.

Meanwhile, John McEnroe has been fined \$2,000 by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council for "conduct detrimental to the game of tennis." For uttering an obscenity at Nora McCabe, a reporter with the Toronto Globe and Mail, during last month's Players' Challenge Tournament in Toronto. The New York left-hander has filed an appeal with Municipal Happer, administrator of the MPTC.

Machinations

Post Sports Staff
The usual pre-season machinations about registering foreign basketball players came to a head on Monday, the last day for registering imports.

Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Holon provoked the most interest and controversy. League champions Maccabi are demanding a change in the regulations to allow teams to register two foreigners instead of one. They threaten to quit the league if their demand is not met.

For the time being, they have registered Kevin McGee as their one authorized foreign player, and Lee Johnson as a new immigrant. He has applied for citizenship, but cannot play in the league until it is granted. He is neither Jewish nor a convert.

Holon have registered Clarence Kee as their guest foreign player. They have no problem with another American, Deshae Barrymore, as he became a citizen after his marriage 10 months ago to his Israeli-born wife Miriam, who has lived for some years in the U.S. She is pregnant and is due to arrive in Israel shortly. He is to get a three-year contract.

Maccabi Haifa beat Betar

By YARON KENAN
Neither last year's champions, Maccabi Haifa, nor runners-up Betar Jerusalem, looked as if they are ready for the league season, which starts on Saturday week, when they met yesterday in a Yehuda Lilian Cup match at the YMCA ground in the capital. Haifa won 2-1.

Despite the defeat, Betar looked a shade sharper. Only an unforgivable error by goalkeeper Yossi Mizrahi two minutes from time gave Haifa their victory. Mizrahi fumbled a high free kick from 18 metres and Rafi Osmo nipped in to score off the rebound from Mizrahi's chest.

Earlier Betar took the lead through an Eli Chana header, but Yaron Parcellani countered with another successful header, this one off a corner, just before the interval.

Maccabi Netanya beat Hapoel Tel Aviv 1-0, Shalom Thira scoring in the 33rd minute, in a second Yehuda Lilian Cup match last night. After two games played by each team in the cup, Maccabi Netanya and Maccabi Haifa led with 3 points, ahead of Hapoel Tel Aviv with 2 and Betar Jerusalem with 0.

Junior successes

NEW YORK (AP) — Two Israeli juniors, Ronit Myers and Amit Niv, won their first round matches in the Junior boys' singles and doubles at the U.S. Open tennis tournament at Flushing Meadows.

Myers beat Collin Grant, of Hongkong, 6-2, 7-6 (11-9), and Niv defeated Age Semenov of Indonesia 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

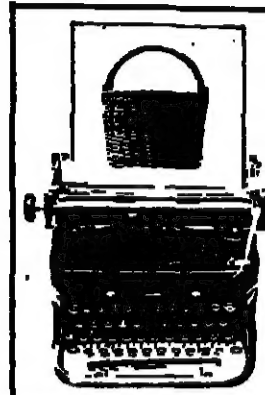
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Spanish strike

MADRID (Reuters) — The Spanish Football Federation has condemned a decision by professional players to begin an 11-day strike next week-end which looks likely to paralyze Spain's 1984-85 soccer season. "It's madness," a Federation spokesman told Reuters. But a meeting of more than 600 footballers from the country's three top soccer divisions voted overwhelmingly in favour of the stoppage, the third in the last six seasons.



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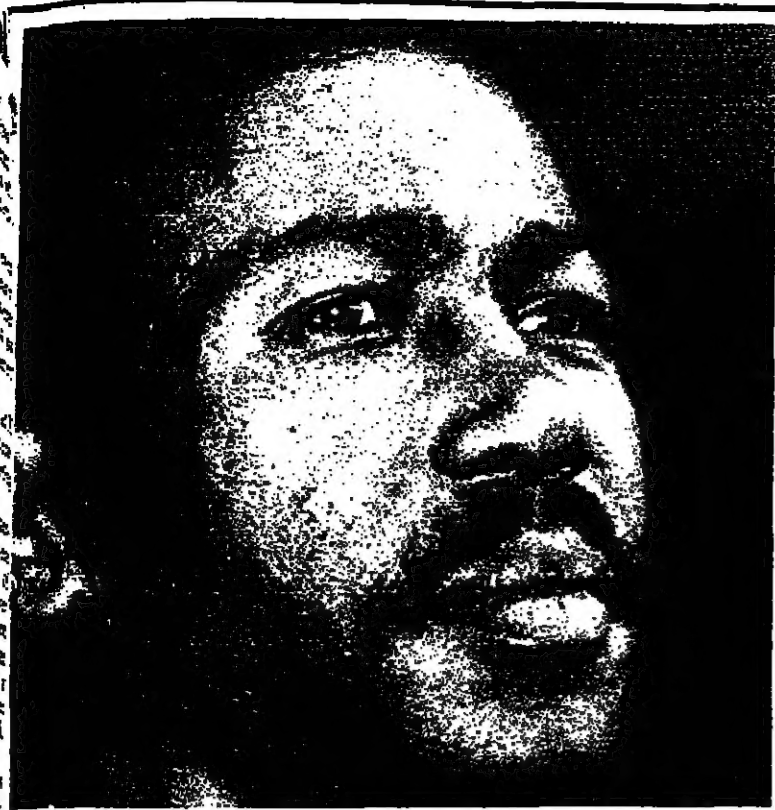
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Colin Legum describes the emergence this week of Africa's first 'fully structured' Communist state.



Mengistu Haile Mariam...still dependent on the West. (Camera Press)

TYING THE KNOT WITH MOSCOW



Ethiopian troops on patrol in the downtown section of Addis Ababa. (Unipix)

ETHIOPIA BECOMES Africa's first fully structured Marxist-Leninist state this week when the Ethiopian Workers' Party (EWP) formally launched to replace the military regime (the Dergue) that has held sway in the country since the overthrow of Emperor Haile Selassie in September 1974.

A series of visits by top Soviet leaders have taken place in recent months in preparation for the launching of the new Communist state, which will be formally aligned with the Soviet Union, according to statements made by Ethiopia's military leader, Mengistu Haile Mariam.

This wish for a close alliance between Addis Ababa and Moscow has been reiterated by Ethiopian Defence Minister Tesfaye Gebre Kidanemariam at a reception given in Addis Ababa in honour of Marshal Vasily Petrov, the Soviet Union's commander-in-chief of land forces. Petrov is also a member of the Communist Party's central committee and of the Supreme Soviet.

According to Ethiopia's military leader, because of the "serious stage" reached in the aggression by "international imperialism against peace-loving peoples and revolu-

tionary countries," the time was ripe for the "forces of peace" to further strengthen their unity with the Soviet Union, "which stands for democracy and justice."

PETROV RESPONDED by saying that Ethiopia's example of engaging "in all stages of forming the Workers' Party is a great example to countries following the democratic and socialist path."

Petrov and his military aides visited some of Ethiopia's battle areas in late July, including Eritrea, where the rebellion against Addis Ababa has been going on for over 20 years.

The failure of Ethiopia's military regime - even with the full military support of the Warsaw Pact powers - either to crush the Eritrean resistance or to bring it to the negotiating table remains a major obstacle to the consolidation of Ethiopia's "revolution from the top."

While the Eritrean resistance to rule by Addis Ababa has proved to be the most tenacious in terms of its duration, the attempt to impose a centralized Communist bureaucracy over the whole country also faces growing violent resistance in other provinces, notably in Tigray,

Hararge (Ogaden) and the Oromo areas of Bale, Arsi, Sidamo and Wollo.

Following Petrov's visit to Eritrea's capital, Asmara, and its principal port, Massawa, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) warned that it was a prelude to "a fresh armed offensive." It recalled that Petrov had made a similar visit in 1978 - shortly before the Ethiopian Army had launched its highly publicized "Red Star" campaign, involving nearly 100,000 soldiers - with the proclaimed intention of putting an end to the Eritrean resistance "once and for all."

The EPLF predicted that any new offensive would meet with the same fate as the "Red Star" operation.

ALTHOUGH AFRICA has in the past spawned a number of self-proclaimed Marxist regimes - such as Benin, Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Angola and Mozambique - only the last two are considered by Moscow as having passed the rhetorical stage of professing Communism. These are identified by Moscow as "states of socialist orientation." Even Angola and Mozambique fall short of the criteria set by the International Committee

of the Soviet Communist Party to qualify as fully structured Marxist-Leninist states - a category to which very few countries outside of Eastern Europe belong. Two of the notable exceptions are Vietnam and Cuba.

In the case of Angola, the ruling Movement for Popular Liberation (MPLA) came to power in 1975 under conditions of civil war and external aggression, which still persist. The MPLA has therefore never had the opportunity to create proper socialist structures under appropriate vanguard cadres. It has been forced to rely heavily for its power on its "revolutionary army."

The Freedom Liberation Movement of Mozambique (Frelimo) did initially succeed in establishing the groundwork for a "socialist system," but the country's economic collapse and the debilitating rebellion by the dissident National Resistance (MNR) has considerably damaged its Marxist structures.

ETHIOPIA'S REGIME is the first in Africa which conforms with the Soviet Communist Party's ideas of a "national revolutionary movement" making the transition to "a state of socialist orientation," and which now promises to achieve full status alongside Cuba and Vietnam. The model of Vietnam is one to which Mengistu Haile Mariam frequently alludes.

However, Moscow still shows some reservations about the final transition to "a socialist society" in Ethiopia because of the continuing failure to resolve its nationality problems which, in the view of Soviet theoreticians, can be as important as those of the class struggle.

Under Soviet guidance, Ethiopia has established a Department for the Study of Nationality Issues. But after two years, the problems of reconciling the interests of the Eritreans, Tigreans, Oromos, Somalis, Wolles and Shoans remain as far from being resolved as they were 10 years ago, when the military regime took power.

Ethiopia remains the first test case for the Soviet Union's new theoretical policies adopted after its 30-year experience of failure in the Third World and, especially, in Africa of relying on "fraternal parties" and "strategic allies" to expand its network of Moscow's Communist affiliates. Nasser, Sadat, Numeiry and

with the Soviet bloc is diametrically opposed to the basic tenets of non-alignment.

Apart from the unresolved question of nationalities, the Ethiopian revolution suffers from one other major liability: its heavy economic dependence on Western Europe for aid and trade, and the Soviet Union's openly admitted inability to replace the West's economic role.

The resultant contradiction is that while the Ethiopian Workers' Party will sail under Moscow's flag, it will turn to "Western capitalism and imperialism" for its essential economic needs. Ethiopia remains the largest recipient of economic aid from the European Economic Community under the Lomé Treaty.

What can be expected is that after a fortnight of Marxist-Leninist celebrations in Addis Ababa in the first two weeks of this month, the Ethiopian leaders will find it necessary to reassure the West of their "goodwill" and to make a special effort to open their doors to the West.

Indeed, plans to this end are already being worked on by the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry. (Third World Reports)

A wheelchair parade for justice

By VICTORIA GRAHAM/New Delhi



Indira Gandhi...turning out the lights? (Lodion-Gamma)

Rao, who was thought to have an impregnable majority of close to 200 in a legislative assembly of 294, found his numbers eroded and was informed by the governor that he had lost his legislative majority in the state of 54 million.

The governor appointed a new chief minister, Bhaskara Rao (no relation) and refused to let Rama

gress Party before elections, which are due in January.

Respected independent journalists write of the "death of democracy" and say "the lights are going out." The *Indian Express* published a front-page cartoon showing Gandhi trampling on the Indian constitution, and the events have been treated with dismay in editorials by some of her most dependable press supporters.

THE DRAMA, which one writer described as "the hijacking of Andhra Pradesh," began when Governor Ram Lal, like all state governors as Gandhi appointee, dismissed Rao after he returned from heart bypass surgery in the United States.

Rao, who has played Hindu gods in some 300 movies and affects saffron robes in his personal life, was known for his autocratic style, his criticism of Gandhi, and his avowed determination not to let her meddle in his state's affairs.

The election of his Telegu Desam (Telugu-speaking nation) party 18 months ago was perhaps the most humiliating defeat suffered by the 66-year-old prime minister and her party since 1980 - all the more so because her own parliamentary seat is in Andhra Pradesh.

Rao proved his claim to control a majority by convening the State Assembly.

To this day it has not been convened, despite riots, demonstrations and widespread public denunciation of the tactics of Gandhi's backers. The drama intensified with a spectacle befitting a popular cinema hero. It showed that Rao has lost none of

his flair for melodrama.

Followed by hundreds of supporters, he rode a wheelchair up the driveway to the presidential palace and paraded 161 state legislative deputies before president Zail Singh to demonstrate he still had a majority.

The figurehead president promised "justice within my purview." But he has no real power to act, and Gandhi is clearly calling the shots.

"THIS IS a butchering of democracy; this is a flouting of civilized norms. I want justice," the ailing 60-year-old Rao told a press conference. "The dignity of my state and nation are more important than my health - let me die for a good cause," he said.

He accused the leadership of Gandhi's Congress Party of paying as much as the equivalent of \$250,000 to make his state legislators defect. His remaining deputies were being held incommunicado lest they be bribed away.

Gandhi, who has not publicly condemned Rao's sacking, was evidently embarrassed by its clumsiness and ordered the resignation of governor Ram Lal.

She denied in parliament last week that she had any foreknow-

ledge of Rao's dismissal, claiming that she first heard of it through a news agency report.

Few political analysts appear to believe that. "Governors do not sneeze without Gandhi's permission," wrote respected political commentator H.K. Dua in the *Indian Express*.

In an editorial dated August 17, the paper said Rao's dismissal and replacement "in connivance with the centre and Congress Party adds another disgraceful chapter to the growth of extra-constitutionalism under Gandhi's increasingly malign regime."

"Neither Andhra Pradesh nor India is going to take this blatant assault on democracy without the strongest protest," it said. "The lights are going out over the country and fascist tendencies are manifesting themselves...We have been warned."

THE IMPLICATIONS for the forthcoming elections are serious, especially since Gandhi's party relies mainly on her image, carefully cultivated, as the fair and benevolent mother of her vast nation of 150,000,000.

"And it is her image that has got sullied in the Andhra bargain," com-

mentator Dua wrote. It is not only Gandhi's standing at home but also her image abroad, as foreign analysts comment on Rao's ouster and foreign television crews film his "wheelchair parade" to seek justice.

Political commentators tend to agree that the dismissal of three opposition governments in three months is pre-election strategy to eliminate opponents and replace them with loyal supporters.

The only non-Congress Party state governments left are Karnataka, West Bengal, Tripura and Tamil Nadu, although the latter supports Gandhi's regime. (The Associated Press)

CHILLING PROSPECT

By CHRISTOPHER HANSON/London

trophy civilization in the northern hemisphere and perhaps in the southern, the book says, adding that most probably "there are no sanctuaries from nuclear war anywhere on earth."

RESEARCH ON nuclear winter was inspired by the Mariner-9 spacecraft's 1971 discovery that on Mars intense dust storms blocked the sun and surface temperatures

dropped dramatically.

U.S. and Soviet scientists have pursued the analogy between Martian dust storms and nuclear blast debris and independently confirmed the likelihood of a nuclear winter.

The scientists have also pointed to evidence that atmospheric debris caused by a large asteroid striking earth created a severe "winter" effect which caused the extinction of dinosaurs.

Some Western defence analysts say the threat of a nuclear winter would make atomic war less likely. No nation would dare launch a first strike because it might boomerang against them.

Others are concerned that research might determine a threshold level of atomic explosions, below which nuclear winter could in fact be avoided.

Such a discovery might disrupt the nuclear balance. A nation could be tempted to strike first with enough explosive power to come close to the threshold of nuclear winter. Retaliation would be futile because it would break the threshold and the ensuing harsh weather would kill off the survivors of the attacked country.

Teller, British climate specialist Sir John Mason and other scientists say proponents of the "winter" theory have relied on highly simplistic computer models which fail to establish whether debris would be blown high enough to block the sun

long enough for a nuclear winter. There is the possibility that rain might wash most soot back to earth.

"This kind of back-of-the-envelope analysis seems almost irresponsible scientifically," said Mason.

TELLER ACCUSES advocates of the "winter" theory of exaggerating their findings to promote disarmament.

The conference on U.S. and Soviet scientists urged further study of "nuclear winter" and concluded that studies so far had been of doubtful value.

Many scientists believe the earth would be scorched rather than frozen in the aftermath of a nuclear war. Some analysts, such as nuclear warfare expert Stan Oppenhouse of Newcastle University, are against the attention being paid to the controversy. Oppenhouse says that if nuclear winter is ever shown to be impossible it might lead people to conclude, dangerously, that atomic war is not so serious.

He maintains that atomic war would probably destroy civilization with or without nuclear winter. Precisely how the world ends is irrelevant - a view that is shared by late American poet Robert Frost.

Over 60 years ago Frost wrote that, while he believed the world would end in fire, "I think I know enough of hate / To say that for destruction ice is also great / and would suffice." (Reader News Service)

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Cut-down work force produces more U.S. head of Rogosin battles Middle Eastern work ethic

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The fatalistic approach to work current in the Middle East—that production is low, always was low and always will be low—is only a tired excuse for keeping things the way they are.

"Output can be raised tremendously and approach western standards if management and the workers actually try to work, and not to mess around." This is stated by Irwin Meltzer, of the U.S., who recently assumed the title of chief executive officer of Rogosin Enterprises in Ashdod.

Meltzer, who has been active in the company since 1958, in addition to his other activities in similar fields in the U.S., decided to take a more active part in actually running the company following the recent disastrous strike.

At present he holds or represents for others 51 per cent of the voting rights in the company. Although he will continue to live in the U.S., he will spend about half of each year in Israel or "on the road," selling Rogosin's products. The company specializes in tire cord fabrics, solid-weave industrial fabrics and nylon filament yarns.

The plant suffered labour troubles at the end of last year. From October to December the workers carried out sanctions; from this January to April they were out on strike. "These work difficulties caused us a loss of about \$1 million, including severance pay," Meltzer says.

The plant employed 280 workers when the labour troubles began; when the problems were over the number of workers had shrunk to 175.

"The result? Production has increased by 25 per cent. Fewer men are producing far more. For me, this is an indication that the Middle East approach to output can be changed—and it better be, and fast, or a lot of companies will face terrible times," Meltzer says.

Specifically, he believes that "even with the latest increase in output, production can still be raised by 50 per cent. There is no reason why Israeli workers can't produce as much as Americans."

Meltzer, who is 58, is not exactly happy with the "pay structure" in Israel. "Due to the enormous social benefits which a company has to cover, as well as the actual wages, it costs us \$11 to \$12 for each work-hour in Israel. In the U.S., it costs only \$6 an hour." Thus, operations cost almost twice as much in Israel, yet production is much lower. Meltzer admits that there is a vast difference between what it costs to main-



Irwin Meltzer

tain a worker and the same worker's take-home pay.

Meltzer is convinced that the future of Rogosin lies in exports. While in the 1983/84 fiscal year, when the plant was ravaged by the strike, production was \$25 million (of which \$8 million was exports), this year production will reach \$40m. (of which \$15m. will be exports).

The company will become profitable in this year, he says. Meltzer already has enough orders to keep the plant working at full capacity until the end of the year.

Exports are going to South America, Australia, Kenya, West and Central Europe and the Eastern Bloc. He is very hesitant about revealing all the East Bloc countries he deals with but he admits getting a large order from Yugoslavia, with payment being "in cash and wood." The wood will be sold in Israel by Koortrade.

Plans call for investing \$5m. in new machinery and increasing production to \$80m. a year. "We may take on a few more workers, but not many. Those we have are beginning to adopt the western approach to production," Meltzer says confidently.

Arab-Israel Bank profit

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Arab-Israel Bank, a subsidiary of Bank Leumi, announced a profit of \$171 million after adjustment to inflation for the first half of 1984. This figure represents an increase of 188 per cent over the equivalent full-year profit for 1983, and is a return on adjusted capital of 13 per cent in annual terms.

The Arab-Israel Bank has 32 branches in the Arab towns and villages in the north. Its balance sheet, in nominal shekels reached \$16 billion at the end of June 1984.

Securiteam under David Golan aims for merchant bank status

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Securiteam plans to expand its present activities gradually until it becomes a full-fledged merchant bank, according to David Golan, recently elected chairman of its board. Golan left the Danot Group (First International, Danot Investments) about a month ago.

At present, Securiteam is active in two main fields. It manages large (\$200,000 or more) investment portfolios, and it arranges the purchase and sale of large blocks (10 to 20 per cent of a company's shares) outside the stock exchange.

"Many buyers and sellers want to consummate a transaction away from the spotlight of the stock exchange, where any small bid or offer can send prices fluctuating wildly," he notes.

Today, there is only one merchant bank in the country, the Leumi & Company Merchant Bank.

Golan points out that a merchant bank (also called an investment bank in the U.S.) plays a vital role in a modern economy, acting as a sort of "very sophisticated middleman" between investors and sellers. But it does not confine its activities to blocks of stock, but to the actual sale and purchase of real estate, factories and businesses.

The merchant banker is trusted by both sides and it is his task to judge the value of a property and suggest what is a fair price for both sides, Golan notes.

Golan also intends to devote a good part of his time to raising venture capital for high-technology industries. "We have the scientific manpower; we even have the industrial set up; what we really lack is investors with vision," he says.

\$1m. wasted on demurrage

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
HAIFA. — Nearly a million dollars were wasted on grain ship demurrage in Haifa port during the first five months of the fiscal year, due to inept planning by the Trade Ministry, which imports the grain.

According to official figures obtained by *The Jerusalem Post*, the 18 grain ships which unloaded during the period were, forced to waste a total of 37 days waiting their turn because they arrived in clusters, instead of in stages.

The Dagon silo which stores the grain, has a single berth and can handle only one ship at a time.

During the five months, from April to August, the silo's facilities were idle for 48 days because there were no ships to unload.

The 18 ships brought a total of



David Golan

Pinhas Landau adds: Securiteam has scored a success with its new mutual fund Tavor. This fund, which invests at least 75 per cent of its assets in index-linked bonds, began operating on August 2. In the period August 2-30, Tavor achieved a yield of 16.84 per cent, the highest in the group of mutual funds that specialize in index-linked investments.

For August as a whole, Tavor had the second-highest yield, after the Dan fund, managed by Danot Securities, which achieved 17.3 per cent. Securiteam's review of the share market for August shows that the total valuation of the companies whose shares registered for trading rose during that month by \$62 million, or about one per cent, to reach \$5.6 billion. The commercial bank sector gained \$58m. and now comprises 70 per cent of the total share market. The ten biggest non-bank concerns comprise 12 per cent of the market, and 38 per cent of the share market after the exclusion of the "arrangement" bank shares.

621,000 tons of grain, which could easily have been unloaded without any waiting time, had their arrival been properly arranged.

Since last February when the new Ashdod port silo was opened by Dagon, 111,000 tons of grain were diverted to the southern port for unloading.

This has made the work more expensive because the Ashdod silo is situated far from the water front and the ships must be unloaded by the old crane with grab method.

The Port learned that the ministry decided in favour of the \$20 million Ashdod silo on the basis of a mistaken forecast by its experts that grain imports would rise to 2.7 million tons by the current fiscal year, when Ashdod would take the extra 600,000 tons.

Dollar soars again, reaches new highs

LONDON. (Reuters) — The U.S. dollar soared above its recent range against major currencies yesterday, reaching an 11-year high above 2.93 West German marks and new records against the French franc and Italian lira.

As U.S. traders bought dollars heavily on the reopening of U.S. markets after Monday's holiday, dealers predicted that the currency would go even higher.

"The sentiment is just very bullish in favour of the dollar," said one dealer as it was fixed in Frankfurt at 2.9180 marks, its highest since floating exchange rates were introduced in March 1973.

After the fix the dollar rose even further touching 2.9320 marks compared with 2.93 in New York on August 7 this year and showing little sign of exhausting its strength. In Paris it reached a record 8.98 French francs in afternoon trading.

No Japanese outboard motors for Iran, Iraq

TOKYO (Reuters). — The Japanese government is trying to stop the sale of large outboard motors to Iran and Iraq after reports that they could be used to power unmanned boats packed with explosives ramming ships in the Gulf.

An official of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said that four companies had been asked to voluntarily halt exports, after studying reports from several sources, including the United States.

In the first half of this year Japanese firms shipped 739 motors worth 166 million yen (\$691,000) to Iran, a four-fold increase over the same period last year.

Jordan strikes oil

AMMAN (AP). — Jordan struck oil at a second exploration well at Qumra in the Azrak region, the Jordanian Natural Resources Authority announced yesterday.

The well, drilled to a depth of 3,217 metres, has a proved capacity of 700 barrels per day, the authority said.

A third well will be started in the Azrak area next week, some five kilometres from the first well, which struck oil last January with a capacity of 600 barrels per day. Azrak is 110 kilometres east of Amman.

The Jordanian government increased its budget allocation for oil exploration this year by 15 per cent, to \$16.5 million.

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Money Matters

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Everything coming up roses

As all relative, of course, but...
...for the last few months, the...
...the performance of the stock...
...is almost superlative.
...bonds and shares are moving...
...if slowly, ahead, and the...
...is beginning to recover from...
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...h. Furthermore, the market is...
...an amazingly resilient in shrug...
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...in the profitability of the big...
...small) commercial banks. To...
...will see the publication of the...
...early results of Mizrahi, and...
...are expected to continue the...
...trend that emerged from the...
...last month and of Hapoalim...
...yesterday. Leumi com...
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...professional investors, who...
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...tation of major economic re...
...As has been noted often...
...the price levels in the share...
...et have more than discounted...
...all measures that might be

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

was, in fact, the most active share.
The "arrangement" banks were the
best performers, rising by more than
2 per cent on a sectoral basis, and
taking over 70 per cent of the total
volume.
But the non-bank market put in a
positive performance, nonetheless.
Rises were almost 2.5% ahead of
falls, and 24 shares were "buyers
only," while only 2 were "sellers
only."
Among the wilder shares, Tadir
Cement was marked "buyers only"
for the third successive day, a very
rare occurrence. This was in the IS1
share, which will trade today without
any price limit. Meanwhile, the IS5
share was marked "buyers only" for
the first time, after trading had been
halted on Monday to investigate the
irregular orders that had been sub...
mitted for this share. This procedure
has become a frequent occurrence
on the exchange recently, as many
shares are suffering from a very low
float.
In this case, the investigation
turned up nothing, and the company
told the exchange that there was no
reason in the regular business activ...
ity of the company to account for the

MARKET STATISTICS Indices

General Share Index	334.54	+1.83%
Non-bank Index	232.21	+0.64%
Arrangement	388.53	+2.17%
Bank Index Industrials	254.08	+0.62%
Bond Index	301.63	+1.25%

Turnovers

Shares	IS 645.1m
Bonds	IS 1092.2m
Advances	IS 1757.3m
of which 5%	61
of which 5%	29
"Buyers only"	24
"Sellers only"	2

Bond market trends

4% fully-linked:	Rises to 3%
3% fully-linked:	Falls to 4%
80% linked:	Mixed to 4%
Double-option:	Falls to 4%
Double-linked:	Mixed to 2%

Most Active Shares

Hapoalim	8321	IS152.6m	+170
IDB	12390	IS107.2m	+310
Leumi	5370	IS98.3m	+83

Sharpest Moves

Teva b.	4445	+1130	+34.1%
Yach b.	288	+40	+26.3%
M.G.N. op.	58	+8	+16%

unusual performance of its shares.
Nonetheless, the IS5 shares were, as
noted, again marked "buyers only,"
while trading in them recommenced.
Pollak IS1 shares will also trade
today without any limit, after being
marked "buyers only," "sellers
only" and "buyers only" in the last
three sessions.
Andru IS5 shares, after two
"buyers only" and one "sellers only"
session, traded without any change
in price. There was a small excess
demand and a final volume of 36,000
n.v.
Teva bearer shares bade farewell
to the exchange - they are being
merged with the registered shares -
by rising 34 per cent in one session.
For the last two months they have
traded only once weekly, and thus
fell behind the registered shares,
which have advanced steadily re...

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Dutch guilder	101.66
Swiss franc	137.33
Swedish krona	39.930
Norwegian krona	40.056
Danish krone	31.541
Finnish mark	54.804
Canadian dollar	258.39
Australian dollar	281.58
South African rand	208.37
Belgian franc (10)	56.943
Austrian schilling (10)	163.24
Italian lire (1000)	185.79
Japanese yen (100)	137.61
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Bank Leumi	594	119	+20.0%
Bank Hapoalim	140	184	+131.4%
Bank Mizrahi	309	184	+59.5%
Bank Leumi	115	30	+26.1%

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Bank Hapoalim	12850	6	+0.0%
Bank Mizrahi	80200	2	+0.0%
Bank Leumi	9350	176	+1.9%
Bank Hapoalim	10200	9	+0.0%
Bank Mizrahi	13200	71	+0.5%
Bank Leumi	11900	1327	+11.2%
Bank Hapoalim	5080	148	+2.9%
Bank Mizrahi	2375	206	+8.7%

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El Al flying high

TWO YEARS ago there was talk of closing El Al down, or selling it off at a loss. That would have been a confession of failure. It was decided instead to break with the past, restore authority to management, reduce the number of workers' committees from eight to one, and run the national airline on a proper business basis.

The annual report just published by the company vindicates that decision. Losses at the operational level - including financing costs - averaged \$25m. per annum during the five recent storm-torn years till 1982/83.

This last year they show for the first time a small profit of \$1.6 - despite the fact that Agudat Yisrael managed to shut down El Al on Sabbaths and festivals, sacrificing in that way over 60 days a year of flying-time at an estimated net loss of revenue of \$25m. - \$30m.

Total accounts are of course in deficit, because past losses have to be paid for, and interest charges are heavy. If, however, the planes were allowed to fly round the clock throughout the year like all the world's other airlines, even that deficit could be eliminated.

There have been advantages - lower fuel prices, better planes (notably the two Boeing 767's now in service), also a better business climate world-wide. On the other hand international competition is stiffer, income per ton-kilometre has dropped by 10 per cent, and for some years now El Al's home base is at the most eastern point of its flying network. This in itself is a considerable disadvantage in comparison to other international airlines.

If we look back to the last year of full activity, 1981/82 (the subsequent year was wrecked by a four-month shutdown), earnings have fallen since then very slightly, by \$10m. But expenditures were cut far more - by over \$25m. and that is what counts. Output, measured in passenger-kilometres and freight-kilometres, has risen in the last six years; yet the number of staff employed has dropped by one-third, from - in round numbers - 6,000 to 4,000. More work is being achieved by less personnel.

Intriguingly the report calculates that all its economy drives together have saved \$35m. off costs. Only \$20m. of this was manifested in the year of the report, since the staff reduction was gradual. If that is so, expenses should be down by another \$15m. this year which could, other things being equal, bring El Al out of the red.

Everything depends on the maintenance of industrial peace. Since the new managing-director Rafael Harlev took over there have been no strikes to speak of, but account should be taken of the fact that El Al is still technically a bankrupt company and still in the hands of the Official Receiver.

This situation cannot go on for ever. The shareholders, that is, the government must take over sooner or later. Official circles nervously postpone the evil hour, fearing that the workforce may try to retrieve its former benefits - shorter working hours, better perks - by industrial action.

Dangers of that kind can be avoided if it is made clear that El Al is not any more and will never again be a sacred cow. It took us 30 years to get over the euphoria of actually owning a full-sized international Jewish airline.

It is time we came down to earth and recognized that El Al is a business like any other business. If it makes money it succeeds, if it loses money it fails. Rescue operations by the Treasury are a thing of the past. The Treasury no longer has money to spare for such exploits anyway.

If the status of Israel's aviation company is normalized and if it is run like an ordinary profit-and-loss enterprise as Harlev has managed to do, its labour relations are likely to become normal as well, and to stay that way.

LIKUD-SHAMIR

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equality with the Likud.

He said: "To my mind this was a breakthrough. They were changing their line in its substance. The Alignment presented its proposals as a basis for negotiations. In response to those proposals, which I did not regard as an ultimatum, we presented proposals of our own. We did not agree to be dictated to."

Shamir went on: "The Alignment created a crisis atmosphere by arguing that its proposals could not be amended further. But that was unfair because the Likud team only started discussing the Alignment proposals two days ago."

Shamir said that should negotiations with the Alignment resume, certain changes might ensue in the Likud's position with regard to cabinet posts and functions. But the Likud would never accept a settlement freeze, he repeated.

He said: "Let us not talk about early elections. They will do nobody any good."

The Likud would be satisfied with a national unity set-up which enabled it to "live with its conscience and pursue its political aspirations, but in a manner which permitted the optimum," he went on.

"If the Alignment has any proposals in addition to those I heard on Sunday, it knows our address."

Turning again to the media reports about the negotiations, Shamir said: "You know the media serve the interests of the Alignment. How can any of you believe what you read and hear? You know you have to ignore them all. I am sure that the public believes what I say and does not believe the media."

Defence Minister Moshe Arens spoke firmly in favour of a national unity coalition.

Arens said: "The very formation of a national unity coalition has ideological value for us. I can assure you that the situation of the country is a lot more serious than many of you realize. The nation wants

national unity and we must bear that in mind, although we don't have to throw our principles overboard."

Arens said: "Don't imagine that a Likud government would be able to find the money for the sort of settlement programme we would like."

Arens said there was no point in creating an obstacle to national unity over the future of the Middle East peace process. "Hussein's not coming anyway," he assured his colleagues.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said the Likud must leave no stone unturned in the effort to achieve the national unity coalition. "You can only conduct that sort of negotiation if you understand what the other side is thinking and do not put him up against a wall," Moda'i said. "We have to understand the Alignment."

But former finance minister Yoram Aridor said that the Alignment demand to keep the Defence Ministry for the whole four years of the national unity coalition was "too heavy a price for the Likud to pay." Aridor said the Likud was not required to "solve the personal problem of Yitzhak Rabin."

When MK Meir Shitrit said that the Likud negotiators were being generous to the religious parties at the expense of the underprivileged sectors whose votes, among others, had given them their 41 seats, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim interrupted: "What are you talking about? Who is giving? Did you see anybody giving anything?"

Deputy Premier David Levy said the impression that he had been opposing the national unity coalition was false.

Levy said: "I am not asking for a prize in return for my efforts to form a national unity coalition, but I certainly do not deserve to be reproached for not having done enough to make it possible."

He said: "There are positions of influence which we must not give up. There are flags which we must carry on hoisting, and never strike."

Breaking the stalemate

By YOSEF GOELL

WHEN THE Peres-Shamir national unity coalition talks seemed to break down over the weekend, politicians in both major parties began to speak in terms of the inevitability of new elections.

Having had an opportunity to consider it for a day or two and to ponder on the full trauma of such an alternative, their talk of resorting to new elections as a way of breaking the uncanonically balanced political stalemate which resulted from the July 23 elections soon disappeared.

There are two main arguments adduced in opposition to going to new elections so soon after the recent ones: the expense of such elections and the incalculable harm that will be caused to the national economy from any postponement in taking the stringent measures needed to keep the economy from toppling over into the abyss; and the fatalistic attitude that new elections will in all likelihood change nothing but simply return a hung Knesset, which would make it just as impossible to form a viable government.

There is a third argument, not spoken of openly. All the parties, and especially the two major ones are dead broke. They are badly in debt for the expenses of the just-completed campaign and couldn't raise a part of the war chests needed to conduct another such campaign.

Of course, it would be theoretically possible to conduct a whirlwind three-week to month-long campaign - sans television innuities. But the likelihood is that our politicians would blanch at the idea; they would probably prefer not to go into new elections at all rather than enter them without the expensive armour of a Seft Rivlin, the Gashash Hahiver and not very useful polls.

THE FIRST argument as to the harm entailed to the economy in any postponement in the establishment of a new government is certainly valid. But the sorry fact of the matter is that our irresponsible political leaders have already wasted over six weeks in haggling over a coalition, with the end not yet in sight.

Worse is the high degree of likeli-

hood that the sort of jerry-built coalition they will put together at the end of Peres' 42 days or at the end of yet an additional 42 days after that, may well prove totally incapable of dealing with the economic crisis.

Perhaps then, it may be argued, it would be preferable to invest the extra month or so in holding whirlwind elections in the hope of getting a sufficiently different electoral result that could make possible a clear decision on forming a viable government coalition.

Which brings us to the question of whether such a new election would indeed bring about such different results. The commonplace wisdom is that the electorate is itself so split and so set in its ways that a new election would perforce end up in the same stalemate.

But a closer reading of the political realities would seem to lead to a very different conclusion. A new election would probably lead to sufficiently different results on the margins. The problem is that the indicators are so contradictory that no working politicians would be willing to take a chance on such a wildly unpredictable result.

IN ORDER to examine the possible changes that new elections could bring about it is useful to consider the July 23 party vote in five separate blocs.

The Labour bloc won 39.9 per cent of the vote (Alignment 34.9, Shinui 2.6, Citizens Rights 2.4).

Likud and the right won 37.1 per cent (Likud 31.9, Tehiya 4, Kach 1.2).

The religious parties won 9.9 per cent (NRP 3.5, Shas 3.1, Agudat Yisrael 1.7 and Morasha 1.6).

The centre "personal lists" won 4.9 per cent (Weizman's Yahad 2.2, Hurvitz Ometz 1.2, and Tami 1.5).

The two Arab lists won 5.2 per cent (the Communist list 3.4 and the Progressive List 1.8).

The electorate is truly deeply and apparently solidly divided among these blocs, but is highly volatile within them, with the exception of the centre personal lists which may well be wiped out in a new election.

A major variable factor in trying to figure out changes which could result from a new election is whether or not the two major blocs can and will agree on raising the 1 per cent threshold. There has been talk recently of raising it to 3 or even 3.5 per cent.

When one considers the prospects of such a move in the short run - elections in a month or two - it is probable that the Labour and Likud politicians will shy away from any tampering with the threshold. Raising it to a level that would guarantee wiping out the shame of Kahane's Kach, and possibly the Arab Progressives too, would also quite definitely eliminate Agudat Yisrael and Morasha, too.

This in itself may not be such a catastrophe, taking this step would require vastly more courageous and risk-taking politicians than the present Likud and Labour leaders who have been ready unnecessarily to give the Aguda anything it wanted - and the kitchen sink - in the coalition talks.

RAISING THE threshold and other electoral reform proposals are not on the cards if we are speaking of the next month or two.

What changes can be envisaged in such a short term without changing the electoral system in any way?

On the Labour side, it is very possible that Mapam and possibly Yossi Sarid would make good their threat to split away from the Alignment and form their own left party.

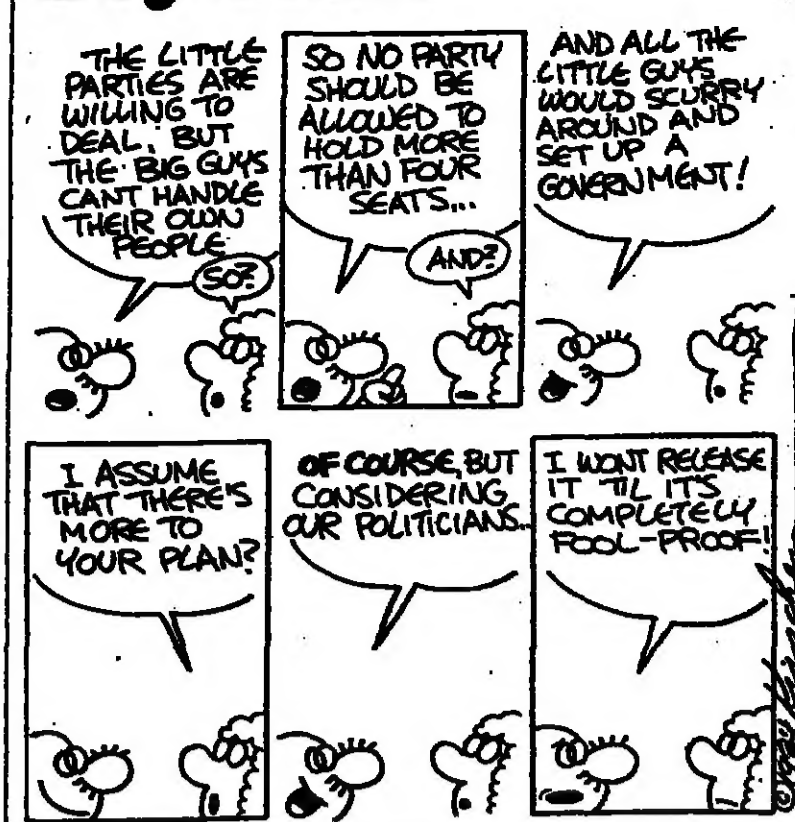
Paradoxically, or not, this could well increase the total votes garnered by the left, from centre voters hitherto scared off from the Alignment by the leftists, the "soft-on-the-Arabs" image.

The 13,000 votes that were wasted on Lova Eliav's list would go to the Alignment or the CRM, and possibly add a seat to that bloc.

On the other hand, the Progressive List, which has made its psychological breakthrough in the Arab arena, may well pull away enough additional Arab voters from Labour to lose it a seat or more.

The big unknown on the left

Dry Bones



would be the behaviour of the 100,000-150,000 voters (worth five to seven seats) who were vacationing abroad in July, and who are said to be largely potential Labour voters.

It is doubtful whether much would change in the overall size of the religious bloc, which has already been reduced to a bare minimum. The main changes in that bloc could come in a shift from the NRP to either Shas or Morasha, on the assumption that religious party voters (as opposed to some NRP politicians) are overwhelmingly in favour of going into a Likud rather than a Labour coalition.

THE BLOC in which major changes could be expected is that of Weizman, Hurvitz and Abuhazzeira, who have made no secret of their assessment that their voters overwhelmingly prefer going into a Likud coalition. Given Weizman and Hurvitz's pro-Labour positions in the present talks, and Abuhazzeira's vacillations, many of their voters may decide to vote directly for the Likud or Tehiya in new elections.

When one considers the ultimate effect of these various possible changes in voting directions, it would seem that the Likud bloc could enjoy a slight advantage in new elections. But this is an "iffy" advantage which could be more than offset by

the great unknown of the July vacationing voters who would be around to cast their ballots in October.

Having touched on all of these points, there is one remaining factor that makes most of this academic: the Liberals. Whereas many of the above points are debatable and highly uncertain, the effect of new and early elections on wiping out the Liberals within the Likud is as close to certainty as anything in politics can be.

The falling of the axe on the Gahal agreement, which guarantees the Liberals far more than their electoral worth in Knesset and cabinet seats, was narrowly averted in the recent campaign.

The Liberal leaders, who have been strangely silent in the present frenetic talks, are profoundly aware that the axe will not be stayed a second time. These silent Liberals, who, more than anyone else, fear early elections, hold the key to the breaking of the present impasse in the coalition talks.

If the present stalemate seems to be leading to such elections, or if a solution denies them the five to six cabinet seats essential for holding their party together, they may well bolt into a narrow Labour coalition.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

The evils of intolerance

By JOEL REBIBO

DISCORD BETWEEN the Orthodox and the non-Orthodox is nothing new. It has been a fact of life even since before the state was founded.

Recent events, particularly the discovery of the alleged Jewish underground and the resentment over the disproportionate clout wielded by the religious parties in coalition bargaining, have served to escalate the degree of polarization between the two camps.

This increasing lack of trust is important in light of the quest for a national unity government now preoccupying the country. The need for national unity has been recognized - but the country wants to take

the easy way out and let the politicians demonstrate unity in forming a government. This thinking is fundamentally flawed for just as a socialist government cannot be formed to rule over capitalists, a national unity government cannot be formed to rule over national disunity.

Besides, national unity cannot be

imposed from above; it has to start at the grass roots level. For this reason, even if there is initial success in forming a unity government, since it is an aberration it will serve impotently until one of the participants finds that new elections are necessary.

Unity does not necessarily have to mean consensus on all issues, but

there must at least be tolerance, if not respect, for differing viewpoints. Intolerance is a trait usually attributed to the Orthodox camp. The religious Jews are intolerant of those who want cinemas open on the Sabbath, intolerant of non-halachic conversions, and, in some sectors intolerant of the "secular" state of Israel.

Intolerance, however, is not limited to the Orthodox camp.

It is a sign of intolerance when those who believe in and pray for the imminent arrival of the messiah are labelled "messianic." At least half of the population - those who are Orthodox and those who are "traditional" - are so branded, setting the scene for further division.

It is also a sign of intolerance to label those who press for Who is a Jew legislation as being a minority imposing its will on the majority. The vast majority of Israelis, both Orthodox and non-Orthodox, do not favour extending the benefits of the Law of Return to a "Jew" who has been converted by a reconstructionist rabbi from southern California who has decided that expressing "intent" to be a Jew constitutes a valid conversion.

The majority view in Israel is that something as serious as conversion must have standards - standards that are established by halacha.

IT IS ALSO INTOLERANT to view Jews who see value in full-time Torah study as "escapist," instead of trying to appreciate the difficulty of

sitting in a study hall from 12 to 18 hours a day.

Some years ago a successful campaign was launched to teach children not to pick flowers. There is a need for a major campaign to develop mutual tolerance and respect which could lead to genuine national unity capable of sustaining a unity government.

All schools receiving government funding should be required to implement a nationally coordinated, comprehensive programme involving special teacher-training, and development of audio-visual supplementary materials. A programme can be developed for use in the Israel Defence Forces. The media could be helpful in promoting dialogue between the Orthodox and the non-Orthodox.

Without such dramatic intervention the problem will become worse. North American immigrants who in theory should serve as role models for how to live in integrated communities are flocking to all-religious communities to avoid confrontation on the Sabbath with secular neighbours. As their children grow up without any interaction with secular people and as non-religious children grow up without exposure to the religious, intolerance and distrust will increase.

The bottom line is that the vast majority of Orthodox Jews would view it as disastrous if all the non-Orthodox were to leave the country, and the vast majority of non-Orthodox Jews could consider it disastrous if in the same way, all the Orthodox would leave the country.

We cannot allow the vocal extremists in both camps to undermine both sides' desire for genuine national unity.

The writer is a free-lance journalist.

READERS' LETTERS

CONDEMNATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The letter of August 10 condemning Kahane and signed by our Jewish professors is commendable. I would gladly add my name.

However, I would feel more comfortable if the Arab professors of Birzeit University would issue a similar letter condemning Yasser Arafat and his slaughtering of innocent Jewish men, women and children.

BEN DOV GERSHUNI
Hod Hasharon.

SEAT BELTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The tragic death of a young passenger and the serious injuries sustained by the driver could possibly have been avoided in the accident on the Gilo-Patt road in Jerusalem (your report of August 26). Both of them were thrown out of the car and this would not have happened had they put on their safety belts.

This tragedy should prompt all drivers and passengers to use their seat belts also when driving within the town limits.

C. I. CHILL
Jerusalem.

ETHIOPIAN OFFICIAL

Getaneh Bogale, whose letter on Jews in Ethiopia appeared yesterday, is Senior Consultant to the Ethiopian Archbishop in Jerusalem. He is not, however, "Responsible for Ethiopian Gov't," as was stated.

SLUR ON ISRAEL'S ARMY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I have read and heard that "unfriendly" sources at the Pentagon have leaked an unfavourable assessment of Israeli military capacity as evinced in the recent Lebanon operation. According to these sources, there was a high percentage of casualties due to friendly fire, and the Israeli forces allegedly suffered from poor communications, leadership and discipline, the operation was deemed to have been a "disaster" and the Israeli army "an inept, undisciplined horde."

War is primarily a dangerous and highly confused activity, with the "fog of war" and the "friction of war" known to all informed students and familiar to all who have had prolonged and intensive experience in battle. Neat, clean and perfect solutions are the constant illusion of all desk warriors, amateurs and un-

informed civilians. The field of battle is always a bloody, frightening mess. The genius of great battle commanders, brave and well-trained lower-ranking leaders, and determined soldiers is needed to extract victory from the natural disaster which war is.

In practically every war, friendly troops fire at each other, infantry blazes away at its own clearly marked aircraft, planes attack their own submarines proceeding to their home port on the surface. If you cannot face the stresses of war, stay in the bowels of the Pentagon, or the General Staff in Tel Aviv, and peddle trashy gossip against your superiors in courage and devotion who are engaged in the horrible necessities of battle. I have met such people and they should be rigorously dealt with.

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